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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS of WORLD OF RADIO 1870, March 23-29, 2017

Thu 1130	WRMI	9955 [confirmed, but no longer on 6855]
Thu 2130	WRMI	11580 [confirmed]
Thu 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Fri 2230	WRMI	5950 11580 [confirmed, but not on 6855]
Fri 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Sat 0730	HLR	6190-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio [confirmed Bulgaria]
Sat 1531	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio [barely confirmed]
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR	1860-AM
Sat 2230	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Sun 0310v	WA0RCR	1860-AM [confirmed from 0329]
Sun 1130	HLR	9485-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB [confirmed]
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5130v-AM Area 51
Mon 0330	WRMI	9955
Mon 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Tue 0030	WRMI	7730
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955
Tue 2130	WRMI	15770 6855
Tue 2200	WRMI	9955
Tue 2330	WBCQ	9330v-CUSB
Wed 1030	WRMI	5850 6855

Wed 1315 WRMI 9955 6855
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:
Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-audio-plattform/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:
http://shortwave.am/wor.xml

ANOTHER PODCAST ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:
http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio

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https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/glenn-hausers-world-of-radio/id1123369861

AND via Google Play Music:
http://bit.ly/worldofradio

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them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated,
inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to
manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser

NOTE: I have *resolved* to make DXLD leaner, more selective, as I
seriously need to reduce my workload, much of which has been merely
editing gobs of material into presentable form. This makes it even
more important to be a member of the DXLD yg for additional material
which may not make it into weekly issues (gh)

DXLD YAHOOGROUP: Why wait for DXLD? A lot more info, not all of it
appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our yg without delay.

When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here`s where to sign up:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/

** AFGHANISTAN [and non]. Reception of Radio Afghanistan, External Service on March 22: 1530-1730 on 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs English/Urdu/Arabic/Russian

In B-16 QRM from CRI 1500-1600 on 6095 En & 6105 Ru, co-ch CRI from 1700 En

Summer A-17 of Radio Afghanistan, External Service effective from March 26:
1530-1730 on 6100 YAK 100 kW / 125 deg to SoAs English/Urdu/Arabic/Russian

In A-17 without QRM from China Radio International 6095, 6100 & 6105
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/reception-of-radio-afghanistan-external.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. KNLS A17 Starting March 26 - October 29, 2017

KNLS - Transmitter 1
UTC TIME FREQUENCY LANGUAGE

0800-0900 11870 ENGLISH
0900-1000 11870 RUSSIAN
1000-1100 9690 ENGLISH
1100-1200 11870 RUSSIAN
1200-1300 11870 ENGLISH
1300-1400 9655 CHINESE
1400-1500 11765 ENGLISH
1500-1600 9655 RUSSIAN
1600-1700 9655 RUSSIAN
1700-1800 9655 RUSSIAN

KNLS - Transmitter 2
UTC TIME FREQUENCY LANGUAGE

0800-0900 11885 CHINESE
0900-1000 11885 CHINESE
1000-1100 9655 CHINESE
1100-1200 9655 CHINESE
1200-1300 7355 ENGLISH
1300-1400 9920 CHINESE

1400-1500 7355 CHINESE
1500-1600 9920 CHINESE
1600-1700 9920 CHINESE
1700-1800 9920 CHINESE

(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, March 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** ALBANIA. Astrit Ibro confirmed: Radio Tirana will leave SW and MW end of March (Christian Milling - WRTH Facebook group via Jean-Michel Aubier, France, March 22, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

Meaning March 31, or really March 25 final day of B-16? Maybe it matter for MW, but only a formality for SW, which has been OFF THE AIR for about two months already, as frequently reported here, after almost a year of severely degraded transmission (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not sure I have heard them since moving to the west coast last year. I remember copying them on teletype using a Kantonics interface on my Apple] [+ while living in Saudi Arabia in the early 80s. Guess I ought to figure out the broadcast with the best odds for getting them logged. Regards, (George, NJ3H, Redmond, Oregon USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

If you want to try to hear them at least on MW via a remote receiver, the B-16 MW sked has been per WRTH:
1395, 09-10 Albanian daily
1458, 1500-1630 Albanian daily, rest Monday-Saturday: 1645-1700 Greek, 1930-2000 Turkish, 2115-2130 Serbian (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes the wheels of registration have already ground on just in case:

Summer A-17 schedule of Radio Tirana, Albania.
26 March 2017 - 28 October 2017 via Shijak and Fllake relay sites.
Note new additional German language MW 1395 kHz entry at 1931-2000 UT.

ALBANIAN Daily
0700-0900 7390 SHI 100 kW TX1 S-10 antenna 310 deg to EUR
0801-0900 1395 FLA 500 kW TX2 F-01 antenna 033 deg to Ce-East-EUR
1400-1530 1458 FLA 500 kW TX2 F-05 antenna non-dir to EUR
2300-2400 9855 SHI 100 kW TX1 S-15 antenna 310 deg to WeEUR, UK & NoAM

ENGLISH Mon-Sat
2000-2030 7465 SHI 100 kW TX1 S-10 antenna 310 deg to WeEUR, UK & NoAM

ENGLISH Tue-Sun
0130-0200 9850 SHI 100 kW TX1 S-15 antenna 310 deg to WeEUR, UK & NoAM

FRENCH Mon-Sat
1730-1800 7465 SHI 100 kW TX1 S-10 antenna 310 deg to WeEUR-France

GERMAN Mon-Sat
1931-2000 7465 SHI 100 kW TX1 S-10 antenna 310 deg to We-CeEUR-Germany
additional:
1931-2000 1395 FLA 500 kW TX1 F-02 antenna 330 deg to We-Central-EUR

GREEK Mon-Sat
1545-1600 1458 FLA 500 kW TX2 F-05 antenna non-dir to Greece, Balkan.

ITALIAN Mon-Sat
1700-1730 7465 SHI 100 kW TX2 S-10 antenna 310 deg to We-CeEUR-Italy

SERBIAN Mon-Sat
2015-2030 1458 FLA 500 kW TX2 F-04 antenna 004 deg to CeEUR-Serbia

TURKISH Mon-Sat
1830-1900 1458 FLA 500 kW TX2 F-05 ant non-dir to Turkey-Cyprus-Greece

Fllake, Albania location; Made in P.R. China of 1967 year.
G.C. 41 21 52.04 N 19 30 35.46 E

Shijak, Albania SW location and former MW 1089 kHz site, Made in USSR
G.C. 41 19 47.99 N 19 33 04.01 E

(Radio Tirana via Mrs. Drita Cico-ALB, March 20; Radiostacionit te Fllake & Shijakut ? Pergjegjes Inxh. Eng. Bledi Mema. Drejtori i Njesise Teknike: Inxh. Henri MUCA. Studiot e Radio Tiranes - K/Inxh. Gjergji Gjipali. via wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, Germany, BC-DX 20 March via DXLD)

Or here the SW-only condensed HFCC registrations dated 260317 281017:

A17 ALR 06-feb-2017 ALR
upload time: 06-feb-2017 00:00:19
HFCC Secretariat upload time: 13-jan-2017 19:22:20
Monday=1, Tuesday=2,...,Sunday=7

FREQ STRT STOP CIRAF ZONES LOC POWR AZIMUTH SLW ANT DAYS FDATE
TDATE MOD AFRQ LANGUAGE ADM BRC FMO REQ# OLD ALT1 ALT2 ALT3 NOTES

7465 1730 1800 27,28 SHI 100 310 0 146 234567 D Fra ALB ALR ALR 3953
7465 1931 2000 27,28 SHI 100 310 0 146 234567 D Deu ALB ALR ALR 3954
7465 2000 2030 27,28 SHI 100 310 0 146 234567 D Eng ALB ALR ALR 3955
7390 0700 0900 27,28 SHI 100 310 0 146 1234567 D Sqi ALB ALR ALR 3956
7465 1700 1730 27,28 SHI 100 310 0 146 234567 D Ita ALB ALR ALR 3957

9850 0130 0200 7-9 SHI 100 310 0 146 134567 D Eng ALB ALR ALR 3958
9855 2300 2400 7-9 SHI 100 310 0 146 1234567 D Sqi ALB ALR ALR 3959
(via Drita «iÁo, March 17, DXLD)

It is interesting to see that 1395 is going to be utilised for the German service. I haven't worked out if one of the Fllake transmitters is free to carry other language services, but the French and Italian services should use it if SW is not activated (Noel Green, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. A-17, CRI CER, China Radio International relay site Cerrik-ALB, 26 March 2017 - 28 October 2017
created by ITU HFBC on 2016-03-04

FREQ	STRT	STOP	CIRAF	LOC	POWR	AZI	ANT	LANG	ADM	BRC	ORG
5960	2000	2100	27	CER	150	310	146	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
5960	2100	2200	27	CER	150	310	146	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
5970	1600	1800	28NW	CER	150	330	146	Deu	ALB	CRI	RTC
5970	1800	2000	27SE	CER	150	310	146	Fra	ALB	CRI	RTC
5985	0500	0700	37S,37NE	CER	150	240	206	Ara	ALB	CRI	RTC
6020	0000	0100	8,9	CER	300	305	217	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
6020	0100	0200	8,9	CER	300	305	217	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
6020	0200	0300	8,9	CER	300	305	217	Chn	ALB	CRI	RTC
6020	0300	0400	8,9	CER	300	305	217	Chn	ALB	CRI	RTC
6055	1800	2000	37S,37NE	CER	150	240	206	Fra	ALB	CRI	RTC
6175	2200	2300	37NW	CER	150	280	206	Por	ALB	CRI	RTC
6175	2300	2400	37NW	CER	150	280	206	Spa	ALB	CRI	RTC
6185	2000	2200	38	CER	150	193	206	Ara	ALB	CRI	RTC
7210	2200	2400	37NW	CER	150	280	206	Spa	ALB	CRI	RTC
7215	2000	2200	38E	CER	150	140	146	Ara	ALB	CRI	RTC
7220	1100	1200	28SE	CER	150	0	925	Bul	ALB	CRI	RTC
7285	0900	1000	28E	CER	150	0	925	Ron	ALB	CRI	RTC
7285	2000	2100	27	CER	150	310	146	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
7285	2100	2200	27	CER	150	310	146	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
7345	1200	1300	28SE	CER	150	0	925	Srp	ALB	CRI	RTC
7345	1500	1600	39NW	CER	150	0	925	Tur	ALB	CRI	RTC
7380	1600	1800	28NW	CER	150	330	146	Deu	ALB	CRI	RTC
9460	0900	1000	28E	CER	150	0	925	Ron	ALB	CRI	RTC
9480	1800	2000	27SE	CER	150	310	146	Fra	ALB	CRI	RTC
9555	1600	1800	38E	CER	150	140	146	Ara	ALB	CRI	RTC
9565	1500	1600	39NW	CER	150	0	925	Tur	ALB	CRI	RTC
9570	0000	0100	8,9	CER	300	305	217	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
9570	0100	0200	8,9	CER	300	305	217	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
9570	0200	0300	8,9	CER	300	305	217	Chn	ALB	CRI	RTC
9570	0300	0400	8,9	CER	300	305	217	Chn	ALB	CRI	RTC
9590	0500	0700	38E	CER	150	140	146	Ara	ALB	CRI	RTC
11695	1800	2000	37S,37NE	CER	150	240	206	Fra	ALB	CRI	RTC

11710	0500	0600	38E	CER	150	140	146	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
11710	0600	0700	38E	CER	150	140	146	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
11725	1600	1800	37S,37NE	CER	150	240	206	Ara	ALB	CRI	RTC
11775	0500	0700	37S,37NE	CER	150	240	206	Ara	ALB	CRI	RTC
11855	0700	0900	27	CER	150	310	146	Chn	ALB	CRI	RTC
11920	1400	1600	37S,37NE	CER	150	240	206	Fra	ALB	CRI	RTC
13665	1100	1300	27	CER	150	310	146	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC
13670	1400	1600	37S,37NE	CER	150	240	206	Fra	ALB	CRI	RTC
13710	0700	0900	27	CER	150	310	146	Eng	ALB	CRI	RTC

300 kW = 2 x 150 kW combined SW txs.
Made in P.R. China of 1967 year.
Re-built and modernisized by China in July 2004 year.

Two Cerrik, Albania SHORTWAVE locations:

Cerrik SW site-A, now ruin, in use of Oct 1967 - July 2004 year.
10 x 50 kW, 6 x 25 kW. 16 x curtains, 5 x rhombic antennas.
G.C. 41 00 49.85 N 19 59 34.53 E
{probably Radio Tirana only transmission part til 2004 ? wb.}

Cerrik SW site-B, in use of 1972? - July 2004 year.
restored 2004, 22 x curtain ants, 2 x non-directional quadrant ants,
6 x 150 kW TXs. - 300 kW power = 2 x 150 kW combined SW txs.
G.C. 40 59 44.87 N 19 59 51.06 E
{probably Radio Tirana and Radio Peking relay transmission bc center
part towards Europe and North America, til 2004 ? wb.}
(CRI HFCC via ALR Mrs. Dita Cico, March 14, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews
BC-DX 20 March via DXLD)

** ALBANIA [non]. La Rosa de Tokio para este fin de semana:

La Rosa de Tokio es un programa dedicado a difundir el apasionante
mundo de la radio y del diexismo que se transmite semanalmente desde
los estudios de LS11 Radio Provincia de Buenos Aires.

Segundo programa sobre las emisiones de Albania en idioma espaÒol
durante un largo periodo de tiempo hasta su desapariciÛn.
Entrevistamos a uno de los integrantes del departamento en idioma
espaÒol.

No se pierdan los archivos de audio histÛricos con los cuales se
"ilustra" cada programa.

La Rosa de Tokio tambiÈn sale por onda corta gracias a las facilidades
brindadas por WRMI Radio Miami Internacional http://www.wrmi.net
TambiÈn puede ser escuchada en cualquier momento entrando en la p·gina
ProgramasDX y haciendo "click" en

http://programasdx.com/larosadetokio.htm
Desde este vÌnculo tambiÈn podr·n acceder al archivo que recaba ediciones anteriores del programa.

La Rosa de Tokio es producida y conducida por Omar JosÈ Somma y Arnaldo Leonel Slaen y cuenta con la colaboraciÛn habitual de RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, desde Rosario y Alejandro Daniel Alvarez, desde Neuquen (Arnaldo Slaen, March 18, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. 6090, March 22 at 0235, no signal from TUN/CB/DGS/PMS, what a relief; but not for long, back on by 0352 recheck, usual severe modulation distortion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, LRA 36, Radio Nacional, Base Esperanza, 2018-2026 16-03, female comments, extremely weak, barely audible, best on USB. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASIA [non]. RFA A17 Broadcast Frequency Schedule - 26 March through 28 October 2017

Burmese
0030-0130 12115 15700 17785
1230-1330 7530 11805 13820
1330-1400 7530 11805 12140
1400-1430 7530 11805

Cantonese
1400-1500 FNP

Khmer
1230-1330 12140
2230-2330 13740

Korean
1500-1700 1188 5830 7455 11850
1700-1800 1188 9975 11985
1800-1900 1188 9975 11830
2100-2200 7460 9700 11945

Lao
0000-0100 15690
1100-1200 15195

Mandarin
0300-0400 13790 15665 17520 17665
0400-0500 13790 15615 17520 21505
0500-0600 13790 15615 17520 21690

0600-0700 13790 15615 17520 17810
1500-1600 9455 13675 15430
1600-1700 9910 11610 13570 13675
1700-1800 9355 9965
1800-1900 9355 9965 11560
1900-2000 1098 9355 9745
2000-2100 1098 6080 9355 9745
2100-2200 1098 7435 9685
2300-2400 9535 11785 15570

Tibetan
0100-0200 9370 9680 11705 17730 + 1 FNP
0200-0300 9370 11705 11745 17730 + 1 FNP
0600-0700 15720 21540 21690 + 1 FNP
1000-1100 13800 15330 + 1 FNP
1100-1200 7470 13830 15265 + 1 FNP
1200-1300 7470 11540 13830 15265 + 1 FNP
1300-1400 7470 11540 13830 15275 + 1 FNP
1500-1600 9355 11870 + 1 FNP
2200-2300 7505 9370 + 1 FNP
2300-2400 6075 9555 9875

Uyghur
0100-0200 9350 9780 11640 11945 15580
1600-1700 9355 9555 15720 17890

Vietnamese
1400-1430 1503 9950 11850
1430-1500 9950 11850

Notes: All times and dates are Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Frequencies arein kiloHertz (kHz). 1 MegaHertz (MHz) is equal to 1000 kHz. Conversion to meterbands: Meters=300000/ frequency in kHz. e.g.: 17705 kHz --> 16.9 meters

FNP = Frequency Not Promoted

(via Rich D`Angelo, March 23, NASWA yg via DXLD) FNP will sure stymie the jammers, right? And how about the audience? (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 1548 4QD Australia into Michigan right now --- Strong carrier with some muffled but steady audio right now and gaining strength. Aussie accented man and woman conversing and easily holding the AM sync lock on the Perseus. 1150 UT, local sunrise here is 1149. On the North D-KAZ at 9,081 miles.

Japan/Korea seems like an impossible feat here after years of trying for those "big guns". It must be my location relative to signal path (over the pole). I had a sketchy reception of Japan once on 747 several years ago but nothing ever since that time. 73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, March 19, ABDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

I hadn't thought about it, but I guess you would have a lot of land and not much water on your path to Japan and Korea. 73 (Tim Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone Hall, CA, ibid.)

4QD into Illinois at sunrise today: Noting that Tim Tromp in MI has had them twice in a week and has caught them in March in the past couple of years, I had to try this morning. Previous attempts at getting them have resulted in carriers in too much slop for audio.

I got to the receiver this morning a minute prior to my 1154 UT SR. Bingo, there's a big carrier on 1548.01 in much slop and sure enough I can hear an Aussie accented guy speaking. The signal fades up and down lots and I check around and note quite a few other highband carriers.

1548 was fading down somewhat by ToH but the ABC news sounder music was clear enough. A quick check of low band Aussie freqs showed about no trace. I'll see if any Asians came thru when I get home. Japan and Korea seem to not get east of cental OK unless cx are extraordinary. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, Barrington IL, Perseus and DKAZ at 330 deg, March 20, NRC-AM via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. THE LAST EVENING OF NT SHORTWAVE - YouTube Video
http://medxr.blogspot.com.au/2017/03/the-last-evening-of-nt-shortwave.html

There have been some developments in the saga that is the ABC's closure of both Radio Australia and the Northern Territory Shortwave Services. An initial Federal Government Senate Inquiry took place last week --- and the ABC's managing director DIDN'T come up smelling like roses!!! Indeed, while under pressure, one could say that her performance at the meeting was rather poor.

However, I won't bore you with all the messy details. Suffice to say, there is a body of relevant stakeholders who are banging the drum loudly for the return of shortwave broadcasts. The wheels of government turn very slowly, so it could take some time. Watch this space!

I have been holding off posting three recordings I made on January 30, documenting a few minutes of the final evening of the ABC Darwin broadcasts from the transmitters at Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine. I'm glad I took the time to prepare this video that is now available on my YouTube channel. There are lots of station

identification announcements, and even information on how to listen to ABC after shortwave was switched off. Unfortunately, much of the advice is of no use to farmers and cattlemen camping out in remote parts of the NT bush, long-haul truck drivers, indigenous communities, tourists visiting the region, and fishermen off the territory's northern coast.

Still, I hope you enjoy this brief video of the ABC's last night of domestic broadcasting on shortwave. Click the video below.
https://youtu.be/_jbhpe286RA
73 and good DX to you all (Rob Wagner VK3BVW, March 10, Mount Evelyn DX Report --- DXing, Shortwave Radio Listening (SWL) and Amateur (Ham) Radio via Artie Bigley, March 16, DXLD) See also USA: WRMI

** AUSTRIA. Radio DARC Video --- German Amateur Radio Club radio, every Sunday on 11.00 hrs local time, CET/CEST, i.e. winter 1000-1059 UT, summer 0900-0959 UT, ORS Moosbrunn OE 6070 kHz, 100 kW target some 500 to 2000 kilometers around Vienna Austria.
Aus dem Deutschlandrundspruch
http://www.alximedia.de/radio/Radio-DARC-Video.mp4
Gut gemacht! 73 (wolfie df5sx, March 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750.00, Bangladesh Betar, Mar 16 1342-1406, 43443, Bengali, Bangladesh music and news, ID at 1404 and 1405.

4750.00, Bangladesh Betar, Mar 19 1408-1415, 33443, Bengali, Talk and Bangladesh music, ID at 1408 and 1410 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 15505, March 17 at 1358, finally! A JBA carrier from Bangladesh Betar, a few days before equinox managing to propagate transpolarly. I have frequently sought this all winter. Then I strain to hear any modulation: yes, recognizable BB interval signal once at 1359:27.5, and JBA mis-timesignal I think ending at 1359:48.5 --- so they are *still* off-time, out of whack. And into Urdu.

I also frequently check for Sri Lanka`s mis-timesignal opening 11905 circa 0115, but still not making it at all (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BB, 15505: Only tiny S3 signal at Doha Qatar, but n i l in Hungary and Italy, whole Europe on March 19. 19 mb selection is too high in March season. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX 20 March via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6025, RED PATRIA NUEVA. Marzo 19. 0305-0321 UT. M˙sica rom·ntica e ID de la emisora. A las 0315 avisos de polÌticas sociales del gobierno. Desde las 0318, m˙sica folclÛrica. SINPO: 35343 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo,

QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 4863.8, R.Alvorada (presumed), Londrina PR, 2245-2254, 12/3, texto, m˙sica; 15331. A raz„o de presumir tratar-se desta e n„o da R. Verdes Florestas È dada pelo azimute das antenas.

[and signature off-frequency ---- gh]

4865, R. Verdes Florestas, Cruz.∫ do Sul AC, 2255-2307, 10/3, canÁıes; 25331.

4885, R. Club do Par·, BelÈm PA, 2005-..., 09/3, texto; 25331, sinal em ascens„o. Como È habitual, trata-se da ˙nica estaÁ„o brasileira perceptÌvel, a tal hora.

4885 idem, 1020-desvan. total 1050, 13/3, texto; 15341.

4894.9, R. Novo Tempo, Cp.∫ Grande MS, 2247-2257, 10/3, canÁıes; 45332. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of PORTUGAL, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5969.96, New Brazilian station? heard via webSDR Radio Sao Paulo --- A station is on air in the frequency that previously occupied Radio Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, 5969.96 kHz, this station is transmitting music continuously, specially classic music, with some identification such as something like: "Cala FM", "94.9 Sao Paulo". Perhaps is the same site and transmitter of Radio Itatiai, but the programming is completely different to the Radio Itatiaia. Heard March and 21 many hours in the air. Signal 35433 to 25422 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola Manuel, esta emisora la he captado esta tarde; al parecer la emisora que emite musca non-stop es Scalla FM; por lo menos me ha parecido entender eso en la identificaciÛn. De todas maneras he comprobado, con Scalla FM, comprobando su emisiÛn on line y no estaban en paralelo, pero el tipo de m˙sica nonstop era muy parecida y la identificaciÛn idÈntica. Un saludo desde Pamplona-EspaÒa, captando la emisora a travÈs de SDR-Pardinho S„o Paulo (Brasil) (JosÈ Hern·ndez Madrid, 2016 UT March 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 6180, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, 0545-0640, 18-03, program "Madrugada Nacional" and "AlÛ Brasil", ID: "R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, 300 kW de potencia [on MW 980].." 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6162, March 18 at 0621, a spur blob around here is showing up again, presumably from 6180 RNA/RNB which on fundamental is getting more

distorted.

6162, never mind my March 18 at 0621 log of a blob here seemingly from 6180; March 19 at 0000 similar blobs circa 6151 and 6163 are traced to VCRs near one of my SW radios, but at 0022 are not heard on two other radios further away. Yet, as 6180 RNA/RNB modulation is deteriorating, be alert for reÎmergence of real transmitted spurblobs, which can be matched to modulation or at least pauses during talk on // 11780, as I did previously, and were heard by others (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11780, Mar 20 at 1535, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, BrasÌlia-DF, in Portuguese. Program "Jornal da AmazÙnia": Woman announcer presents weather of States of AmazÙnia; 1540 Program "Em Conta": News and comments about variety themes. RNA today with a very good signal and fair modulation, 45433. Parallel on 6180: off (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Logs with my old and good Sony ICF-SW100S, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

11780, March 21 at 0308, no signal from RNA/RNB, but hardly anything at all on 25m, near-blackout? K index is only 2 and ``no storms`` per WWV. Upon closer inspexion, weakling ZYs are detectable on 11764.60 S1, 11856.13, 11934.86, amounting to the OSOBs! So 11780 has to be off, and soon at 0327 find 6180 off too. 31m bandscan still finds at 0315 a sufficient S4 signal in Portuguese on 9664.95.

6180, March 22 at 0235, RNA/RNB is totally missing for the second night, also not on 11780 at 0240 check. And third night absent from both, no 6180 March 23 at 0310, not 11780 at 0322 check. So what`s wrong this time at Parque Rodeador? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. [Re 17-11:] TambÈm ouvi o ON [ObservatÛrio Nacional, PPE, Rio timesignals] em 10010 kHz (Rudolf Grimm, 16 March, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Rudolf: Ac· por Chile desde las 0030 a 0210 no se escucha en nada en 10010 el Reloj ON. En 10000 ahora sÌ se escucha fuerte Fort Collins y tambiÈn WWVH Hawaii, Atenciosamente, (HÈctor FrÌas JofrÈ, CE3001SWL, March 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

10000.4, Time Signal Station ObservatÛrio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, 2055-2120, 16-03, after a few days on 10010, today returning to its original frequency of 10000 kHz. Time signals, female voice announcements. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

10000, Mar 16 at 2130, ObservatÛrio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro-RJ, in

Portuguese. Brazilian Time Signal: Female announcer says hours each 10 seconds, in Portuguese language. Fair signal and modulation, 35543. On Twente WebSDR, on 10000.00, too (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

10000.0, Time Signal Station ObservatÛrio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro, 2034-2050, 17-03, at its usual frequency now, time signals, female voice announcements: "ObservatÛrio Nacional, 17 horas 46 minutos, 40 segundos". Interference from Italcable. 12321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815.03, March 22 at 0402, no 11780, but here must be R·dio Brasil Central, S5 with Brazuguese talk. I think this one must have been inactive for a while, not hit in numerous bandscans. Also JBA carrier at 0322 March 23 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 15190. Mar 16 at 1712, Radio InconfidÍncia, Contagem-MG, in Portuguese. Woman announcer makes an interview with a doctor, about the brain and its functioning, with 86 billion neurons, approximately; ID. Station has a fair signal and modulation, this afternoon, 35433 (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Sony ICF-SW100S, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. 7290, Radio City, Kostinbrod, 1903-1915, 17-03, pop music, English, ID, "Radio City, the station of the cars", comments. 12321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. SECRETLAND, More and more frequencies of Brother Stair /TOM/ via SPL, according to BS TOM schedule:
http://overcomerministry.org/radio-schedule/
50 hours per day via SIX SCB transmitters simultaneously, impossible:

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0800-1300 13600 SCB ??? kW / 126 deg N/ME English, no signal March 17
0800-1400  7400 SCB ??? kW / 306 deg WeEu English, no signal March 17
1400-2000 15325 SCB ??? kW / 195 deg WeAf English, no signal March 17
1400-2400  5900 SCB ??? kW / 306 deg WeEu English, on air 1700-0200 UT
1500-1900 11600vSCB ??? kW / 126 deg N/ME English, on air 1700-2000 UT
1500-2000  7445 SCB ??? kW / 306 deg WeEu English, no signal March 17
1700-0200  9400 SCB ??? kW / 306 deg WeEu English, on air 1803-2000 UT
1800-2000  6000 SCB ??? kW / 306 deg WeEu English, no signal March 17
1900-2200 11700 SCB ??? kW / 126 deg N/ME English, no signal March 17
v=11600.4
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http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/more-and-more-frequencies-of-brother.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURUNDI [non]. FRANCE, Radio Publique Africaine via TDF Issoudun,
March 18:
1800-1858 on 11550 ISS 250 kW / 145 deg to SoAf Kirundi/French
Summer A-17 of Radio Publique Africaine via TDF Issoudun from March 26
1800-1858 on 15480 ISS 250 kW / 145 deg to SoAf Kirundi/French
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(Ivo Ivanov, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 1690, CHTO, Toronto, Ontario. 0334 March 18, 2017. Greek
male babble, into Greek vocals. Parallel station stream. Good, but
mostly under WMLB (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6030, CFVP domestic broadcast from Calgary, AB, March 11,
2017, 1606ñ1610 in English. Modest signal, comedy routines with ID
interspersed among skits. Skit on Donald Trumpís wealth compared to
Bill Gates. Very humorous (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA, Equipment
currently in use: Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B, Sony ICF-
2010, Ten-Tec RX-340. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380, 1.2
meter whip on ICF-2010, and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside
east-west, NASWA Flashsheet March 19 via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6070, March 17 at 0544, not even a carrier from CFRX, while
it is normally always there; must be off. K index only 2 and no storms
as of 0600. Whew, March 17 at 1327, very poor signal but recognizably
CFRX in English. BTW, in A-17 6070 will be hit by CCI from MWV
Madagascar in Spanish at 0200-0300; CFRX gets no protexion from
Canadian authorities at HFCC. Vatican, Austria, Germany will also
continue on 6070 at other times, as well as not registered North
Korea; but not the imaginary Jayapura, Indonesia which continues in
HFCC. 6070 also an option for JIC, i.e. Sea Breeze at 13-15 UT but I
think they have not used it yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

At 1725 UT on March 17 CFRX on air, heard S=8 signal in remote
Detroit-MI, checked against WWV Colorado, was exact 6069.987 kHz. Talk
on Health Care program. Commercials, phone no. given at 1737 UT. wb
(Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, CFRX is coming in loud and clear into Victoria, BC at 0346 UT 18 March on measured 6069.988. Just about as strong as I've ever heard them to the west coast. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, ibid.)

** CANADA. 7850, March 17 at 0549, no signal from CHU, but maybe just not propagating, as 7490 WBCQBS is uncharacteristically JBA.

7850-CUSB & 14670-CUSB, March 17 at 1404, both are in well.

3330-CUSB, CHU was still off early March 17. Attention Comoro Islands, please reactivate your 3331 transmitter for a special DX test while this is possible. FM scheduled from *0300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3330 not on air; 7850-cusb is on air 1720 UT S=9+20 signal in Detroit-MI, and 14670-cusb on S=6 level in Alberta Canada. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3330-CUSB, March 21 at 0334, CHU is still AWOL, but audible on 7850-CUSB. Then at 1226, Richard Langley, NB reports to the DXLD yg, ``I've received an update from the NRC technician: "We have found that the antenna cable has failed. As it is under the frozen ground we canít fix it yet. We are still deciding what to do next." -- Richard Langley`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 15034-USB, March 20 at 2156, CHR, Trenton Military`s own clock is *still* 61 minutes slow, despite the shift to DST March 12. Announces current time as ``2055`` and then goes on to aviation weather conditions from Cold Lake timestamped ``2100 zulu`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. 5825, R. TRIUNFAL EVANGELICA. Marzo 20. 2257-2324 UT. M˙sica pentecostal y luego predicaciÛn acerca de la salvaciÛn. A las 2320 vuelta a m˙sica evangÈlica ochentera. SINPO: 55555 con leves momentos con ruido ambiental.

5825, R. TRIUNFAL EVANGELICA. Marzo 21. 2250-2300 UTC. M˙sica fundamentalista. SINPO: 55555 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 9505 switching to 4940, Voice of Strait, 1300, March 18. Confirming the new time for changing frequencies (ex: 1200); 9505 going off just after the time pips; 4940 had carrier on and off a few times till 1302 start of their audio (Ron Howard, Ocean Beach/San Francisco, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9590, Firedragon music jammer 2035-2100* 10 March. Weak but effective v. RFA's 20-21 Chinese broadcast -- which was unheard (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7415, Firedrake jamming music, probable target is RFA from Tinian. March 13, 2017, 1601ñ1604. Very strong (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA, Equipment currently in use: Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B, Sony ICF-2010, Ten-Tec RX-340. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380, 1.2 meter whip on ICF-2010, and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet March 19 via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 13530.223, TWN SOH Chinese sce, S=8 signal in eastern Thailand, 0026 UT

13580, CHN CRI Beijing, Chinese sce, 12 kHz wide broadband, powerful S=9+40dB signal strength.

13610, CHN CNR1 from Nanning bcast center, powerhouse S=9+45dBm 14 kHz wide broadband signal.

13655, CHN CRI Xian, Chinese, S=9+10dB

13680.178, TWN, SOH Chinese sce, S=9+5dB signal in eastern Thailand, at 0032 UT on March 16.

13770, CRI Vietnamese sce from Xian site, POWERHOUSE at S=9+50dB, 20 kHz wide broadband signal.

13920, CHN China mainland jamming of CNR1 program \\ 13610 kHz, S=9+15dB, against SOH Taiwan Chinese.

15125, CHN CRI Chinese sce from Beijing site, 16 kHz wide, S=9+10dB

15270, CHN, Broadband scratching noise from probably mainland China 24h / 7d against Taiwan services and SOH TWN on different time on day.

15339.905, TWN, SOH Chinese sce at 0044 UT on March 16, S=9+10dB.

15380, CHN, CNR1 Beijing #572 bcast center, Chinese at S=9+15dB level.

15390, CHN, CNR13 program from Lingshi site, in Uighur at S=9 level.

15425, CHN, CNR1 jamming, audio echo program repeated. S=9+45dB powerhouse against VoA Tinang-PHL in Mandarin, 17 kHz wide audio

(Wolfgang B¸schel, Log around 0000 - 0100 UT March 16 on remote SDR unit in Eastern Thailand, [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz], BC-DX 20 March via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. EAST JAMMERSTAN: 9455, Crash & Bang Music Jammer; 2153, 18-Mar; under unfamiliar-sounding language; Aoki/EiBi list Radio Free Asia via Lithuania in Chinese; it definitely wasnít Chinese (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CNR1 double-jammer heard well (like an icepick in the ear) on 6180 until 1600* on 3/19. A brief homage to Chuck Berry with "Roll Over Beethoven" played up until the time pips at hourtop (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. Summer A-17 new frequencies of China Radio International:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-china.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 5910.197, March 16 at 0703, Alcarav·n Radio with tropical music.

5910+, March 17 at 0546, Alcarav·n Radio is off now when it has been reliable lately.

5910+, March 19 at 0027, no signal from Alcarav·n Radio. They ought to take advantage of a clear frequency before and after the 01-03 collision with ROMANIA.

5910.04, March 21 at 0330, Alcarav·n Radio with tropical music at S8, in the clear after collision earlier with Romania, when I could tell HJDH had re-adjusted frequency closer to nominal after varying way upward. Recheck at 0618, 5910.051 still clear with more music at S9-S7 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO-Brazzaville. 6115, R. Congo, Brazzaville, 1905-1920, 11/3, francÍs, m˙sica pop' africana, texto; 32441, QRM adjacente. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of PORTUGAL, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6115, Radio Congo, Brazaville, 1817-1830, 19-03, French, comments. Very weak. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1070, CMKS, Guant·namo & Radio Guam·, Guane, Pinar del RÌo. 1048 March 17, 2017. Duking it out, the former with traditional Cuban vocals, the latter with jazzy female vocal, ID's by both (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Yes, 5025 Radio Rebelde OFF air at 0100 UT on March 16, comes on air, when a Bauta transmitter is available - free, they are short of txs there - or on repair work now the units? 5025, R Rebelde at 1108 UT on March 15, S=9+10dB in Detroit Michigan US (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX 20 March via DXLD)

** CUBA. 11860, March 16 at 1308, RHC Spanish talk is audible since Yemen [non] is so weak, i.e. second-order spur from 11840, along with matching -20 kHz spur on 11820, and much stronger first-order spurs on 11850 & 11830.

5040, March 17 at 0548, RHC is still on, but 5025 Rebelde is off; contrarily, 5025 had been on earlier tonight circa 0200. You never know what`s next with these.

17580, March 17 at 1417, RHC is S9+20 of dead air except for some hum; while 17730 is off and 17750 is a JBA carrier. Suggestion: since 17580 is on, modulate at least it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5040 [sic] kHz Radio Rebelde on air, talk on Venezolana person. At 1740 UT on March 17. S=8 -77dBm in central Florida-USA remote SDR unit. Now sports news on Mexican and Chilenaen teams.

11760 RHC Spanish at 1745 UT poor non-directional antenna outlet, S=7 in MA and FL-USA on March 17, Talk on Puerto Rico matter. wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6000, March 18 at 0623 check of RHC English frequencies: this one is suptorted; 6060 is better; 6100 is very good modulation and strength; 6165 is undermodulated but not distorted; 5040 is off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Habana Cuba with music & open carrier/dead air Mar 19:
0700-0730 on 6100 BAU 100 kW / 310 deg WNAm instead of Esperanto Sun
Same time/QRG 6100 BAU 100 kW / 310 deg WNAm Esperanto Sun Summer A17
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/radio-habana-cuba-with-music-open.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15370, March 19 at 2155, RHC in Spanish music // 13740, 11840, etc., and 17730 is not heard. I am trying to locate the third airing of the weekly Sunday Esperanto semihour. Which until the DST change had been at 2130 on 15370, a few weeks before having moved from 2230 on 17730, bumping what would otherwise be a daily French service. But unfound before 2200; how about after 2230? I start monitoring again at 2226 when the ``18-minute`` (before it`s time for En Contacto to start by 2244) Filatelia show is starting on 15370, 13740, 11760, 9710, 9535-vs MWV Chinese. No Esperanto then either. So when & where is it??

11880, however, is S9 of open carrier/dead air at 2206, and still so past 2230; finally in English after 2300. That would have been a convenient place to stick in Esperanto at 2230. Different next day; read on.

While I`m at it, circa 2230 UT March 19, with two receivers, I compare which frequencies are making an echo against 15370: 15230 (but which goes into Portuguese by 2233), 9710 and 9535, indicating they are from a different site. The others mentioned above are synchronized with 15370, i.e. from same site it is (Bejucal or Bauta or Quivic·n, but which is which? Listings are not necessarily etched in stone, nor non-contradictory. Only Arnie knows for sure and he isn`t saying.)

6000, UT Monday March 20 at 0640, RHC with Arnie on `DXers Unlimited` talking about how we have zero sunspots lately, plugging his favorite T2FD antenna for SW, much like he was doing in Spanish on `En Contacto`.

You never know how the 4 or 5 English frequencies will compare from one night to the next. Tonight, both 6000 & 6100 are very undermodulated, compensated by 6060 being over-modulated! And 6165 is VG, loud and clear, much like 6100 has usually been; did they swap transmitters? 5040 is off.

11880, Monday March 21 at 2200 tune-in, RHC is *ending* the English broadcast. Have they really moved it to start at 2100 so this has been running for an hour; or a miscue? Instead of or in addition to English at 23-24? 2201 opening French at a temperature of 24 degrees, but no kHz, instead of dead air this hour yesterday; and at 2250 check in Portuguese, presumably from 2230.

It seems that RHC does not dare to announce frequencies within each language broadcast, since they risk being outdated or totally wrong due to mixups! Except Esperanto, where indeed they are all wrong. Not even in Spanish have I heard one, but maybe just missed, as they used to do so, not completely correctly, at major frequency changeover times. We never hear them give frequencies in English.

6060, March 22 at 0236, no signal from this RHC, but a very poor carrier on the lo side, presumably Brazil. 6165 is on in English but poor; 6000 is good.

5010 & 5055, March 22 at 0349, leapfrog mixing products between 5040 RHC and 5025 Rebelde are quite audible, so must be from same site; I still see some reporting with listed sites on the fundamentals as different.

9790, March 22 at 0358, CRI English with end-of-hour-disposable-filler Chinese lesson, back up to S9+50 level, vs JBA the night before; March 23 after 0300 I notice that the still bigsig is very undermodulated, and with noisy spurblobs about plus and minus 10 kHz.

11880, March 22 at 2156, RHC is in Spanish, not English; unchecked between 22 and 23, but at 2350 it`s in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 9790, March 21 at 0314, CRI relay which normally blasts in, is JBA at S3; 9570 ALBANIA relay, however, manages S6, as Eurosigs overcome Amerisigs on 31m, no WRMIs either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. Am redoing my Radio Rep˙blica nightly monitoring / recording effort using the U. Twente receiver to confirm new schedule. Last night, audio began at about 0100:10 UT and the transmitter left the air at 0300:00. Reception was similar to before. Will report later with confirmed weekday and weekend schedules (-- Richard Langley, NB, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. [Re 17-11:] Cuba tries to reboot its creaky state news apparatus --- CANAL CARIBE --- That is rather confusing; WTFK? On some DTV channel or network as an extra program, but they refer to it as HD-1 as if they were talking about FM radio subchannels! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yeah, noticed that this week. It's on their TDT mux but I have no idea how their channels are set up. They also now stream their major newscasts on YouTube, officially (and the quality of the live streams is decent now). The presentation and set have improved (though the same creaky news music remains), and it looks like they produce in HD (Raymie Humbert, AZ, March 16, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

** CYPRUS [non]. 9955, Sat March 18 at 2306, WRMI is VG over jamming with `Hey, Jude``, `FG Radio` ID and announcement. Certainly a nice tune, but why is this Cypriot ``station`` wasting its paltry 15 minutes a week on WRMI by playing off-topic old rock music? And it`s sponsored by a ``news`` paper, the Famagusta Gazette (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [non]. GERMANY, HCJB V. of The Andes via MBR Nauen Mar 18
1530-1602 11900 NAU 100 kW / 100 deg to CeAs Russian Sat
1602-1630 11900 NAU 100 kW / 100 deg to CeAs Chechen Sat

Summer A-17 of HCJB Voice of The Andes via MBR Moosbrunn from April 1:
1530-1602 13800 MOS 100 kW / 090 deg to CeAs Russian Sat, ex NAU A-16
1602-1630 13800 MOS 100 kW / 090 deg to CeAs Chechen Sat, ex NAU A-16

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/hcjb-voice-of-andes-via-mbr-nauen-on.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Summer A-17 new frequencies of Radio Cairo from March 26:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-radio_16.html
(Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) viz

1300-1400 NF 15630 ABS 250 kW / 061 deg WeAs Dari, ex 15400 A-16
1330-1530 NF 13580 ABZ 100 kW / 070 deg WeAs Farsi, ex 15790 A-16
1500-1600 NF 9830 ABS 250 kW / 315 deg EaEu Albanian, ex 13580 A-16
1500-1600 NF 13770 ABS 250 kW / 061 deg CeAs Uzbek, ex 15160 A-16
1600-1800 NF 12085 ABS 250 kW / 185 deg CSAf English, ex 15345 A-16
1900-2000 NF 9570 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu German, ex 9590 A-16
2100-2300 NF 15400 ABS 250 kW / 241 deg WeAf French, ex 13580 A-16
(English via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

Was anyone from Egypt at the HFCC meeting at the Dead Sea, I wonder? And, if so, did anyone (Jeff White?) ask them about the terrible state of their transmitters? (Richard Langley, NB, dxldyg via DXLD)

** EL SALVADOR [non]. 1630, TEXAS, KKGM, Ft. Worth. 1105 March 17, 2017. English C&W-Bluegrass-ish gospel vocals, co -channel WRDW. No trace of the El Salvador station on various local morning checks. (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 5005, Radio Nacional, Bata, 0525-0540, 17-03, African songs. Very weak. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5005, RNGE, R. Bata (presumed), 0428, March 19. Only a decent level open carrier and no audio heard during subsequent checking; a very early broadcast for them (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non]. Radio Africa Network Frequency Change A17

Dear Antonio Napolitano: As we celebrate our 4th successful year of broadcasting on the Radio Africa Network from Okeechobee, Florida, we are thankful for the continued reports that we receive from our worldwide listeners like you! Your support and commitment to listening, and the reports you send provide encouragement to the station and to our broadcasting partners.

We are excited to announce that as of March 26, 2017 the Radio Africa Network broadcasts will be heard on 21525 kHz, 13 meter band. It is always a pleasure to hear from our many listeners around the world and

we are excited to share the reports with our broadcasters. Enclosed are our current program schedules for Radio Africa, Radio East Africa and Radio Africa #2. Please take the time to listen to our programming, and, if you are so inclined, please send a note to the ministries letting them know that you have listened to their program. It is with the help of our listeners, such as yourself, that the ministries are encouraged to continue their Worldwide Outreach via radio! Thank you for your continued support. Have a blessed day! Posted by: (Antonello Napolitano, March 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

Why are they ``excited`` about a change of -150 kHz on the 13m band? For no apparent reason except subject to very slightly lower MUF (gh)

** ERITREA. Back on 7175! Hi out there, just now, March 17, 1831*, and just by chance: Eritrean Broadcasting Corporation on 7175 caught playing the national anthem and closing down. Signal wasn't very strong. Not heard so far since early 2017 (or was it late 2016?). 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, http://www.muenster.org/uwz/ms-alt/africalist dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7176.009v, March 18 at 0246, 0255, seems constant so not a sporadic ham, carrier here past 0330, and still at 0359 on the other radio. Probably VOBME reactivated intruding on the 40m hamband. Checking now since Thorsten Hallmann, Germany was hearing it on 7175 previous Euroevening. How about the other VOBME?

7144.25, March 18 at 0329, JBA carrier, and on the other radio, 7144.26 JBA carrier at 0357. Without the VOBME connexion and hearing it on two radios, might have dismissed it as a birdie. 7120 Somaliland had a much stronger carrier after 0330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. ETHIOPIA (against Asmara ERITREA broadcast), V Of Broad Masses Eritrea, broadcast signal string measured on 7174.988 kHz, but totally covered by Ethiopian 20 kHz wide jamming of WHITE NOISE kind at 1540 UT March 18. S=9+35dB signal strength signal in Doha Qatar. Nothing heard so far of the Eritrean transmission content (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7175, VOBME 2 (presumed), on March 21. Thanks to Thorsten Hallmann's alert; 1438-1456 alternating announcers (OM & YL); language seemed correct to be them; HOA music/singing; clear of any jamming till *1505 start of strong white noise (or DRM?) jamming, completely blocking any usable reception; formerly the jamming always started here about *1500-1501. Last heard VOBME 2, on 7180 kHz., in late Dec. 2016.

No signal found today around 7146.55 (VOBME 1); to be sure I checked

after 1505 and heard no jamming, so safe to say only one frequency in use today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. Radio Voice of Adal via MBR Issoudun, March 18:
1500-1530 on 11670 ISS 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAf Arabic Wed/Sat
1530-1558 on 11670 ISS 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Wed/Sat

Summer A-17 of Radio Voice of Adal via MBR Issoudun from March 29
1500-1530 on 15205 ISS 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAf Arabic Wed/Sat
1530-1558 on 15205 ISS 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Wed/Sat
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/radio-voice-of-adal-via-mbr-issoudun.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. A-17 BaBcoCk Dimtse Radio Erena via SPL from Mar 26:
1700-1730 on 11885 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Mon-Fri
1730-1800 on 11885 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Arabic Mon-Fri
1700-1800 on 11885 SCB 050 kW / 195 deg to EaAf Tigrinya Sat/Sun
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/good-signal-of-babcock-dimtse-radio_22.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Reception of Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via MBR Issoudun, March 18:
1600-1630 on 11970 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Tue/Sat

Summer A-17 of Radio Xoriyo Ogaden via MBR Issoudun from March 28
1600-1630 on 17630 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Tue/Sat
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/radio-xoriyo-ogaden-via-mbr-issoudun.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Summer A-17 of Voice of Oromo Liberation via MBR Nauen from March 29
1700-1730 on 15420 NAU 100 kW / 139 deg to EaAf Afar Oromo Wed/Fri/Sun
1730-1800 on 15420 NAU 100 kW / 139 deg to EaAf Amharic Wed
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/voice-of-oromo-liberation-via-mbr-nauen.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. PIRATE-EURO. Radio Batavia, 5890 AM, 2307-2327+, 3-11-17, SIO: 222. Weak but at times readable in local noise, tunes ìGeorgy Girlî by The Seekers, 2307 ID by OM announcer. Started to fade by 2327. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Borderhunter Radio, 6210 AM, 2330-2355, 3-11-17, SIO: 444 with fades. Frans the Borderhunter playing music by Stray Cats, Lips, Electric Light Orchestra, etc. Frequent IDs and shoutouts to those posting on the HF Underground. ìThe Secret Sounds Ö from Borderhunter

Radioî Email as borderhunterradio@gfmail.com (Chris Lobdell, Tewksbury, MA USA, Receiver: Eton E1, Aerial: G5RV Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. The new trasmission of Key Channel Radio & Radio Dr. Tim

Key Channel Radio sar‡ di nuovo in onda questo weekend con la nostra seconda trasmissione del 2017 sulla frequenza di KHz 6915 o in alternativa Khz 6920 con il seguente programma:

Venerdi 17: UT 20'00 ñ 23'00 Relay German Pirate Radio
             UT 23'00 ñ to all night Test Trasmission
Sabato 18:   UT 14'00 ñ 01'00 KCR Official Trasmission
             UT 19'00 ñ 20'00 Radio Dr.Tim Special Trasmission
[= Mar 19?] UT 01'00 ñ 02'00 Radio Dr.Tim Special Trasmission [
Domenica 19: UT 08'00 ñ 11'00 KCR Italian Service.

Tanta bella musica di tutti i generi da ogni parte del mondo. Domenica 11 [sic] potremmo trasmettere trasmissioni test. I vostri rapporti di ascolto sono sempre benvenuti. Buon ascolto!! The KCR Team

Dear friends, Key Channel Radio will again broadcast on the frequency of 6915 or Khz 6920 with the following shedule:
Friday 17:   UT 20'00 - 2300 Relay German Pirate Radio
             UT 23'00 - to all night Test Trasmissions
Saturday 18: UT 14'00 ñ 01'00 KCR Official Trasmission.
             UT 19'00 ñ 20'00 Radio Dr. Tim Special Trasmission.
             UT 01'00 ñ 02'00 Radio Dr. Tim Special Trasmission.
Sunday 19:   UT 08'00 ñ 11'00 KCR Italian Service
Such beautiful music of all genres from around the world. Your listening reports are always welcome. Good listening !! The KCR Team
(via Roberto Scaglione, Sicilia, March 16, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. Summer A-17 new frequencies of R France Int from March 26:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-radio_10.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

0530-0600 NF 13740 ISS 500 kW / 145 deg to ECAf Swahili, ex 15560
0600-0630 NF 11995 ISS 500 kW / 170 deg to WCAf Hausa, ex 15340
0600-0700 NF 11905 ISS 500 kW / 170 deg to WCAf English, ex 13725
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-radio_10.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #999 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 20, 2017 via DXLD) Sole English hour: (via WORLD OF RADIO 1870)

** GERMANY. 9485, European Music Radio, Goehren, *0900-1000* , 19-03, English, ID. "This is European Music Radio, commenting [sic]

transmission...", "The best music around with Tom Taylor...", pop music, comments, "European Music Radio from Europe to Europe". 34433 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

One hour earlier from March 26: (gh)

Summer A-17 of European Music Radio via Hamburger Lokalradio will be 0800-0900 on 9485 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu English 3rd Sun CUSB
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/european-music-radio-via-hamburger.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Radio Mi Amigo International on Facebook March 21:

----->good news for all SW-listeners<------
As the 'european summertime' starts again from March 26 forward, Radio Mi Amigo International will extend the SW broadcasts on 6085 kHz!

On this frequency we will be on air 7 days a week from 09:00 to 19:00 hrs CEST (0700-1700 GMT). That means also more 'live-shows' at the weekend. From April forward there will also be 'live-shows' every Friday the whole day. Stay tuned for more infos the next days! Posted by: (Mike Barraclough, March 21, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Summer A-17 new frequencies of Media Broadcast relays from March 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-media.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and mostly non]. Deutsche Welle A17
Valid from 26th March to 28th Oct'2017

Language	Time/UTC	Frequency	Txer Site	Target Area
AMHARIC	1600-1700	13850 kHz	DHABAYYA	Ethiopia
AMHARIC	1600-1700	15275 kHz	TRINCOMALEE	Ethiopia
DARI	1330-1400	13725 kHz	DHABAYYA	Afghanistan
DARI	1330-1400	15430 kHz	TRINCOMALEE	Afghanistan
ENGLISH	1600-1700	09670 kHz	MEYERTON	Africa (east)
ENGLISH	1600-1700	15290 kHz	ISSOUDUN	Africa (east)
ENGLISH	1600-1700	15315 kHz	ISSOUDUN	Africa (west)
ENGLISH	1600-1700	17800 kHz	DHABAYYA	Africa (east)
ENGLISH	1600-1700	21780 kHz	ASCENSION	Africa daily
FRENCH	1700-1800	11610 kHz	MEYERTON	Africa daily
FRENCH	1700-1800	13750 kHz	ISSOUDUN	Africa daily
FRENCH	1700-1800	15275 kHz	ISSOUDUN	Africa daily

HAUSA	0630-0700	09830 kHz	SAO TOME	Africa (west)
HAUSA	0630-0700	13810 kHz	NAUEN	Africa (west)
HAUSA	0630-0700	15200 kHz	MEYERTON	Africa (west)
HAUSA	1300-1400	09830 kHz	SAO TOME	Africa (west)
HAUSA	1300-1400	17800 kHz	ASCENSION	Africa (west)
HAUSA	1300-1400	21780 kHz	DHABAYYA	Africa (west)
HAUSA	1800-1900	09830 kHz	SAO TOME	Africa (west)
HAUSA	1800-1900	13810 kHz	ISSOUDUN	Africa (west)
HAUSA	1800-1900	15200 kHz	ISSOUDUN	Africa (west)
PASHTO	1400-1430	13725 kHz	DHABAYYA	Afghanistan
PASHTO	1400-1430	15430 kHz	TRINCOMALEE	Afghanistan
SWAHILI	0300-0400	06045 kHz	MEYERTON	Africa (east)
SWAHILI	0300-0400	09800 kHz	NAUEN	Africa (east)
SWAHILI	1000-1100	15275 kHz	MADAGASCAR	Africa (east)
SWAHILI	1000-1100	17710 kHz	MEYERTON	Africa (east)
SWAHILI	1500-1559	15275 kHz	TRINCOMALEE	Africa (east)
SWAHILI	1500-1600	17710 kHz	DHABAYYA	Africa (east)

Football Special in HAUSA:
1325-1530 15195 kHz ISSOUDUN Africa (west) Saturday 01.04.17-20.05.17
1325-1530 15355 kHz ISSOUDUN Africa (west) Saturday 01.04.17-20.05.17
--- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** GREECE. 9935, March 21 at 0313, ERT with Greek music at S9-S6; when I get to 9420 at 0319, it`s S7-S8, while 9935 has weakened way down to S3 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A-17 of Voice of Greece from March 26 probably will be
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/random-reception-of-voice-of-greece-on.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, March 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. Summer A-17 new frequencies of KTWR Trans World Radio Asia eff. from March 26:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/fair-to-weak-signal-of-ktwr-trans-world.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. Informamos que Radio Verdad ya est· en el aire por el mixlr en Internet, y agradeceremos mucho sus reportes. We inform that Radio Truth is on mixlr by Internet already. We'll appreciate your reports. …ste es el link: http://mixlr.com/radioverdad-chiquimula/
(Dr. …dgar AmÌlcar Madrid, Radio Verdad y Radio Verdad TV, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NOTE: HACE UN MOMENTO SUSPENDIMOS NUESTRA TRANSMISI”N DE RADIO VERDAD INTERNET EN EL MIXLR PORQUE ESTABA CONFIGURADO PARA FUNCIONAR S”LO UNA HORA A LA VEZ. ESTAMOS ENVIANDO A GUATEMALA EL CPU, PARA QUE QUEDE

CONFIGURADO PARA LAS 24 HORAS. VOLVEREMOS AL AIRE QUIZ¡ MA—ANA POR LA NOCHE (Dr. …dgar AmÌlcar Madrid, Director y Gerente de Radio Verdad, 0402 UT March 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, 1238, March 19. Strong signal; virtually no modulation. Sad! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 11560, March 17 at 1415, music and ``Salaam Aleikum`` at S3-S5. It`s AIR going from Dari to Pashto, listed as 500 kW, 280 degrees from GOA, but maybe moved elsewhere like Bengaluru (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, March 18 at 1648, my BST-1 caradio memory scan stops here for something in Russian, good signal but deep fades. 15140 is in the bank for RHC later in the day, but now it`s got to be All India Radio, Delhi-Khampur site as scheduled in Russian at 1600-1715, 250 kW, 312 degrees per HFCC, but not really starting until 1615 per Aoki (and totally missing from EiBi!). 1701 into news mentioning Bangladesh, but exotic S Asian song already at 1703. No jamming or DRM. And NO sign of Oman which is supposedly on 15140 all day in Arabic, (after 14-15 English) but has been quite sporadic lately (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140. Mar 20 at 1618, All India Radio, Bangalore, in Russian. Indian songs; 1624 Woman talks and a song; 1626 Man & woman talks and other song; 1630 Woman announcer talks News, presumably. AIR has a good signal and fair modulation, in this frequency, 45433 (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Logs with my old and good Sony ICF-SW100S, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

9445, March 20 at 2208, Very poor signal vs noise level with YL sounding English, must be AIR GOS scheduled here until 2230, 500 kW, 325 degrees from Bengaluru. Since AIR has always dissed the Western Hemisphere, it`s tough to get a listenable signal from them here, including this (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [non]. TWR INDIA A17

LOC	FREQ	START/STOP	CIRAF	PWR	AZI	SLEW	ANT	DAYS	LANGUAGE
GRI	9900	0045 0115	41	300	98	0	2 / 4 / 0.5	23456	HINDI
GRI	9900	0115 0130	41	300	98	0	2 / 4 / 0.5	3	HINDI
GRI	9900	0115 0130	41	300	98	0	2 / 4 / 0.5	4	DZONKHA
GRI	9900	0115 0130	41	300	98	0	2 / 4 / 0.5	2	NEPALI
GRI	9900	0115 0130	41	300	98	0	2 / 4 / 0.5	56	TIBETAN

TAC 12160 1345 1400 41 100 131 10 2 / 4 / 0.5 1 34567 HINDI

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TAC 12160 1345 1400 41 100 131 10 2 / 4 / 0.5  2      AWADI
TAC 12160 1400 1430 41 100 131 10 2 / 4 / 0.5  23456  BHOJPURI
TAC 12160 1400 1430 41 100 131 10 2 / 4 / 0.5 1       PUNJABI
TAC 12160 1400 1430 41 100 131 10 2 / 4 / 0.5       7 HINDI
GRI 12160 1430 1445 41 300 98  0  2 / 4 / 0.5  23456  HINDI
GRI 12160 1445 1545 41 300 98  0  2 / 4 / 0.5  23456  PUNJABI
ERV 12055 1245 1300 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1   1       SANTHALI
ERV 12055 1245 1300 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1         7 KUI
ERV 12055 1245 1315 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1    23456  MAITHILI
ERV 12055 1300 1315 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1   1       MAITHILI
ERV 12055 1300 1315 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1         7 HO
ERV 12055 1315 1330 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1   123     MARWARI
ERV 12055 1315 1330 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1      4    MEWARI
ERV 12055 1315 1330 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1       56  MAGHAI
ERV 12055 1315 1330 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1         7 BENGALI
ERV 12055 1330 1345 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1   1       BRAJ BHASHA
ERV 12055 1330 1345 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1    2      KHARIA
ERV 12055 1330 1345 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1     3     KASHMIRI
ERV 12055 1330 1345 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1      4    SADRI
ERV 12055 1330 1345 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1       5   BONDO
ERV 12055 1330 1345 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1        6  HARYANVI
ERV 12055 1330 1345 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1         7 BUNDELI
ERV 12055 1345 1400 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1   1   567 KURUKH
ERV 12055 1345 1400 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1    23     MUNDARI
ERV 12055 1345 1400 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1      4    VASAVI
ERV 12055 1400 1415 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1   1       CHODRI
ERV 12055 1400 1415 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1    23     BHILI
ERV 12055 1400 1415 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1      45   VASAVI
ERV 12055 1400 1415 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1        67 MOUCHI
ERV 12055 1415 1430 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1   1       GAMIT
ERV 12055 1415 1445 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1         7 GAMIT
ERV 12055 1430 1445 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1   1       DHODIA
ERV 12055 1415 1445 41 300 100 0  8 / 8 / 1    23456  SINDHI

Reception reports to : info@twr.asia
OR at : http://www.twr.asia/online-qsl-form
--- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, DXLD)

GRI = PRIDNESTROVYE; ERV = ARMENIA; TAC = UZBEKISTAN (gh)

** INDIA [non]. SITES NOT PROVIDED!
Athmeeya Yathra Radio A17  Valid from 26th March'17 to 29th Oct'17

UTC  UTC  FREQ LANG         DAYS
0000 0015 9510 Bodo         Monday and Tuesday
0000 0015 1548 Kannada      Friday to Sunday
0000 0015 9510 Khurukh      Wednesday and Thursday
0000 0015 1548 Konkani      Tuesday
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0000	0015	9510	Mising	Friday to Sunday
0000	0015	1548	Netakani	Wednesday
0000	0015	1548	Tulu	Monday
0000	0015	1548	Yerukala	Thursday
0015	0030	9510	Assamese	Saturday and Sunday
0015	0030	1548	Banjara	Monday
0015	0030	9510	Chakma	Monday and Tuesday
0015	0030	1548	Gondi	Wednesday
0015	0030	9510	Ho	Friday
0015	0030	1548	Koya	Tuesday
0015	0030	1548	Kupiya	Thursday
0015	0030	9510	Santhali	Wednesday and Thursday
0015	0030	1548	Telugu	Friday to Sunday
0030	0045	9450	Bagri	Monday and Tuesday
0030	0045	9450	Bundelkhandi	Friday and Saturday
0030	0045	9450	Garwali	Sunday
0030	0045	9450	Khariya	Wednesday
0030	0045	1548	Malayalam	Daily
0030	0045	9450	Vasavi	Thursday
0045	0100	9450	Dogri	Thursday and Friday
0045	0100	9450	Kangri	Saturday and Sunday
0045	0100	9450	Magahi	Wednesday
0045	0100	9450	Rajasthani	Monday and Tuesday
0100	0115	9450	Kinnauri	Saturday and Sunday
0100	0115	9450	Marwari	Monday and Tuesday
0100	0115	9450	Punjabi	Thursday and Friday
0100	0115	9450	Sindhi	Wednesday
0115	0130	9450	Bhili	Monday
0115	0130	9450	HindiñBKD	Saturday and Sunday
0115	0130	9450	Khota	Friday
0115	0130	9450	Kotwali	Wednesday
0115	0130	9450	Kukna	Tuesday
0115	0130	9450	Vadari	Thursday
1130	1145	9720	kHz Malayalam-SLBC	Daily
1200	1215		Malayalam-AIR	Wednesday
1230	1245	15350	Gojri	Monday
1230	1245	15350	Kashmiri	Wednesday and Thursday
1230	1245	15350	Ladakhi	Tuesday
1230	1245	15350	Oriya	Friday to Sunday
1245	1300	15350	Gujarati	Thursday and Friday
1245	1300	15350	Koya	Saturday and Sunday
1245	1300	15350	Punjabi	Monday to Wednesday
1300	1315	15350	Nepali	Daily
1315	1330	15350	HindiñBKD	Saturday and Sunday
1315	1330	15350	Khandesi	Wednesday
1315	1330	15350	Marathi	Thursday and Friday
1315	1330	15350	Santhali	Monday
1315	1330	15350	Vadari	Tuesday

1330	1345	15350	Malto	Thursday and Friday
1330	1345	1548	Marathi	Monday to Tuesday
1330	1345	15350	Mauchi	Wednesday
1330	1345	15350	Meitei	Monday and Tuesday
1330	1345	15390	Nockte	Monday and Tuesday
1330	1345	15390	Rongmei	Sunday
1330	1345	1548	Tamil	Wednesday to Sunday
1330	1345	15390	Tangkhul	Friday and Saturday
1330	1345	15350	Tibetan-Amdo	Saturday
1330	1345	15350	Tibetan-Lhasa	Sunday
1330	1345	15390	Adi	Wednesday and Thursday
1345	1400	15350	Bhatri	Tuesday
1345	1400	1548	Chattisgarhi	Monday and Tuesday
1345	1400	1548	Chowdhari	Sunday
1345	1400	15390	Deori	Thursday and Friday
1345	1400	15350	Deshiya	Wednesday and Thursday
1345	1400	1548	Gujarati	Wednesday and Thursday
1345	1400	15390	Kaubru	Wednesday
1345	1400	15350	Khota	Monday
1345	1400	15390	Kokborok	Monday and Tuesday
1345	1400	15350	Netakani	Sunday
1345	1400	1548	Oriya	Friday and Saturday
1345	1400	15390	Thadou- kuki	Saturday and Sunday
1345	1400	15350	Urdu	Friday and Saturday
1400	1415	15350	Bhili	Thursday
1400	1415	15350	Bondo	Wednesday
1400	1415	1548	Gamit	Thursday
1400	1415	15350	Gondi	Friday
1400	1415	15390	Halam	Monday and Tuesday
1400	1415	15390	Karbi	Thursday
1400	1415	1548	Kui	Saturday and Sunday
1400	1415	15350	Kupiya	Sunday
1400	1415	15390	Rengma	Wednesday
1400	1415	1548	Sambalpuri	Friday
1400	1415	1548	Santhali	Monday and Tuesday
1400	1415	15350	Soura	Monday and Tuesday
1400	1415	15390	Sumi	Saturday and Sunday
1400	1415	1548	Varli	Wednesday
1400	1415	15350	Yerukala	Saturday
1400	1415	15390	Ao	Friday
1414	1430	15350	Banjara	Saturday and Sunday
1415	1430	1548	Bhojpuri	Friday and Saturday
1415	1430	1548	Chakma	Sunday
1415	1430	15390	Dhimasa	Tuesday
1415	1430	15350	Gamit	Wednesday and Thursday
1415	1430	15390	Garo	Saturday and Sunday
1415	1430	1548	Khariya	Wednesday
1415	1430	1548	Khota	Monday

1415	1430	1548	Kotwali	Thursday
1415	1430	15350	Kui	Monday and Tuesday
1415	1430	15350	Kukna	Friday
1415	1430	1548	Malto	Tuesday
1415	1430	15390	Mising	Wednesday to Friday
1415	1430	15390	Santhali	Monday
1430	1445	15350	Chowdhari	Thursday
1430	1445	15390	Dzonkha	Monday and Tuesday
1430	1445	1548	Halam	Sunday
1430	1445	15350	Harayanvi	Saturday and Sunday
1430	1445	15390	Khasi	Saturday and Sunday
1430	1445	1548	Khurukh	Monday and Tuesday
1430	1445	15390	Konyak	Thursday and Friday
1430	1445	15350	Kotwali	Friday
1430	1445	1548	Kukna	Thursday
1430	1445	1548	Magahi	Friday and Saturday
1430	1445	1548	Mundari	Wednesday
1430	1445	15390	Nyishi	Wednesday
1430	1445	15350	Sambalpuri	Monday and Tuesday
1430	1445	15350	Varli	Wednesday
1445	1500	15350	Bhojpuri	Saturday and Sunday
1445	1500	15350	Hindi	Monday to Friday
1445	1500	1548	HindiñYouth	Saturday and Sunday
1445	1500	1548	Ho	Wednesday
1445	1500	15390	Kham-Magar	Saturday and Sunday
1445	1500	15390	Newari	Thursday and Friday
1445	1500	1548	Sadri	Monday and Tuesday
1445	1500	15390	Sangtan	Wednesday
1445	1500	15390	Sarchopa	Monday and Tuesday
1445	1500	1548	Soura	Friday
1445	1500	1548	Vasavi	Thursday
1500	1515	1548	Hindi	Sunday to Saturday
1500	1515	1548	Hindi ñ BKD	Friday
1500	1515	15390	Lepcha	Tuesday and Wednesday
1500	1515	15390	Magahi	Thursday and Friday
1500	1515	15390	Sherpa	Monday
1500	1515	15390	Urdu	Saturday and Sunday
1515	1530	1548	Bengali	Monday to Thursday
1515	1530	15390	Mundari	Wednesday and Thursday
1515	1530	15390	Muslimi	Bengali Friday
1515	1530	1548	Muslimi	Bengali Friday
1515	1530	15390	Tamang-West	Monday and Tuesday
1515	1530	15390	Tharu	Saturday and Sunday
1515	1530	1548	Urdu	Saturday and Sunday
1530	1545	15395	Chattisgarhi	Monday and Tuesday
1530	1545	15395	Kulluvi	Saturday
1530	1545	15395	Maithili	Wednesday to Friday
1530	1545	15395	Sindhi	Sunday

1545	1600	15395	Bundelkhandi	Monday and Tuesday
1545	1600	15395	Dari	Saturday and Sunday
1545	1600	15395	Bagheli	Wednesday to Friday
1600	1615	15395	Kumaoni	Friday and Saturday
1600	1615	15395	Pashto	Sunday
1600	1615	15395	Sadri	Wednesday and Thursday
1600	1615	15395	Awadhi	Monday and Tuesday
1615	1630	15395	Divehi	Thursday and Friday
1615	1630	15395	Hindi	Saturday to Wednesday
2330	2345	9510	Bantawa	Monday
2330	2345	9510	Gurung	Wednesday and Thursday
2330	2345	9510	Limbu	Saturday and Sunday
2330	2345	9510	Lungeli-Magar	Tuesday
2330	2345	9510	Sherpa	Friday
2345	0000	9510	Burmese	Wednesday to Friday
2345	0000	1548	Burmese	Sunday
2345	0000	1548	Chakma	Wednesday
2345	0000	1548	Chin	Saturday
2345	0000	9510	Chin	Monday and Tuesday
2345	0000	9510	Karbi	Saturday and Sunday
2345	0000	1548	Kokborok	Thursday and Friday
2345	0000	1548	Sinhalese	Monday and Tuesday

Reception reports to : info@Athmeeyayatra.org
---- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3324.998, RRI Palangkaraya: Listen to recording taken on Uwe's eastern Thailand SDR remote receiver, at 1328 UT today at S=9+15dB level. 73 wolfie (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3324.998, RRI Palangkaraya, S=9+10dB signal in eastern Thailand. At 1310 UT on March 16.

3344.866, heard Gamelan instruments music, very poor signal into eastern Thailand remote SDR unit. At 1304 UT on March 16, female BI language voice.

4869.916, RRI Wamena at 1314 UT on March 16, music program, poor at S=6 or -85dBm heard in eastern Thailand. Unstable fq signal hop up and down 3-4 Hertz.

9524.940, V. of Indonesia Cimanggis, on March 16 at 1320 UT, S=9+35dB signal strength, in eastern Thailand. News cast in English language on industrial ministry at 1321 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 16 via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3344.86, RRI-Ternate (Presumed), Mar 19 1420-1429,

35333-34333, Indonesian, Telephone-talk-back (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3345, RRI Ternate, 1325-1435 14 March. Presumed with Indonesian chat, ballads & blowing through 1400 with flute-heavy tune.

4870, RRI Wamena, 1328-1345+ 16 March. Tentative at JBA levels with chat and music and clear before *1330 of AIR's "Voice of Kashmir" (Delhi) causes the familiar 300 (or so) Hz het [below]. Aoki shows AIR here in Nepali 1330-1430, too, but I'm unsure they're active. Some fun logs this week; surprised to get audio from (Tentative) Wamena -- with DST in effect, it's certainly easier to be at the beach before 1330; next? to get down there by 1245, *yawns* (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL. ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO A17
   2017-03-26 to 2017-10-28 Version 02 / 2017-03-16/pub
days = 1234567 u.o.s.

Site	Start	Stop	Language	Service Area	kHz	kW	Days
TRM	0000	0030	Thai	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	11730	125	
TRM	0000	0100	Mandarin	C/N-China	11925	125	
TRM	0000	0030	Burmese	Myanmar	11655	125	
TRM	0030	0100	Karen	Myanmar, Thailand, China	11655	125	
TRM	0100	0130	Mandarin	S-China	17650	125	6
TRM	0100	0200	Mandarin	S-China	17650	125	7
TAI	0100	0200	Vietnamese	Vietnam	15445	100	7
TRM	0100	0130	Min Nan	Chinese S-China	17650	125	12345
TRM	0100	0130	Min Nan	Chinese NE-China	15630	125	12345
TRM	0100	0130	Mandarin	NE-China	15630	125	67
TRM	0130	0200	Mandarin	NE-China	15630	125	7
TRM	0130	0200	Cantonese	NE-China	15630	125	123456
TRM	0130	0200	Cantonese	S-China	17650	125	123456
MOS	0200	0230	Urdu	Pakistan	9510	300	
MOS	0230	0300	Panjabi	Pakistan	9510	300	
TRM	0300	0330	Oromo	S-Ethiopia	15500	125	
NAU	0300	0330	Tigrinya	Eritrea	9655	250	
MDC	0300	0400	Malagasy	Madagascar	6065	100	
MOS	0330	0400	Farsi	Iran	9550	300	
TRM	0330	0400	Amharic	Ethiopia	15500	125	
NAU	0400	0430	Bulgarian	Bulgaria	5975	100	
MOS	0400	0430	Turkish	Turkey	9550	300	
NAU	0430	0500	French	Morocco, Algeria	6155	100	
TRM	0500	0600	Arabic	Egypt, Iraq, Arab Peninsula	17780	250	
MOS	0505	0535	Hausa	Nigeria	11955	300	
NAU	0600	0630	French	Cameroon, Ghana, (Senegal)	15640	250	

MOS	0600	0700	Arabic	Libya	11880	300	
ISS	0600	0630	French	Cameroon, Ghana, (Senegal)	12035	250	
ISS	0700	0730	French	Cameroon, Ghana, (Senegal)	11880	250	
NAU	0700	0800	Arabic	Morocco, Algeria	15225	100	
NAU	0800	0830	Kabyle	Morocco, Algeria	15225	250	
MOS	0800	0830	French	Morocco, Algeria	15145	300	
NAU	0830	0900	Tachelhit	Morocco, Algeria	15225	100	
NAU	0900	1000	Italian	Italy	9790	100	1
SDA	1000	1100	Mandarin	S-China	17665	100	
SDA	1000	1100	Mandarin	C/N-China	15450	100	
SDA	1030	1100	Tagalog	Philippines	17870	100	23457
SDA	1030	1100	Ilocano	Philippines	17870	100	16
SDA	1030	1100	Mongolian	N-China, Mongolia	15500	100	
SDA	1100	1200	Mandarin	S-China	15210	100	
SDA	1100	1200	Mandarin	C/N-China	15430	100	
SDA	1100	1200	Mandarin	NE-China	11750	100	
SDA	1100	1130	Indonesian	W-Indonesia	15500	100	
SDA	1100	1130	Russian	E-Russia	12090	100	
TRM	1130	1200	Shan	Myanmar	15610	125	
SDA	1130	1200	Javanese	Indonesia, Malaysia	15500	100	246
SDA	1130	1200	Sundanese	Indonesia, Malaysia	15500	100	1357
SDA	1200	1230	Min Nan	Chinese C/N-China	12105	100	12345
SDA	1200	1230	Mandarin	NE-China	9475	100	67
SDA	1200	1230	Mandarin	S-China	15170	100	67
SDA	1200	1230	Min Nan	Chinese S-China	15170	100	12345
SDA	1200	1230	Mandarin	C/N-China	12105	100	67
TRM	1200	1230	Mon	Myanmar	15400	125	
SDA	1200	1300	Korean	Korea	9610	100	
SDA	1200	1230	Min Nan	Chinese NE-China	9475	100	12345
TRM	1230	1300	Bangla	NE-India, Bangladesh	15430	125	2357
TRM	1230	1300	Meitei	NE-India, Bangladesh	15430	125	146
SDA	1230	1300	Cantonese	S-China	15170	100	123457
SDA	1230	1300	Cantonese	NE-China	9475	100	123457
SDA	1230	1300	Mandarin	NE-China	9475	100	6
SDA	1230	1300	Cantonese	C/N-China	12105	100	123457
SDA	1230	1300	Mandarin	S-China	15170	100	6
SDA	1230	1300	Mandarin	C/N-China	12105	100	6
TRM	1300	1330	Khmer	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	15150	125	234
MDC	1300	1400	Vietnamese	Vietnam	17605	250	
DB	1300	1330	Dzongkha	NE-India	15430	100	
TAC	1300	1330	Kachin	Myanmar	15170	125	
TRM	1300	1330	Isan	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	17770	125	12346
TRM	1300	1330	Bangla	Bangladesh	15255	125	
TRM	1300	1330	Khmer	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	15150	125	1567
SDA	1300	1400	Mandarin	C/N-China	9475	100	
NAU	1300	1330	Mandarin	W-China	17810	250	23456
TRM	1300	1330	Lao	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	17770	125	57
NAU	1300	1330	Uighur	W-China	17810	250	17

SDA	1330	1400	Assamese	NE-India	15185	100	14
SDA	1330	1400	Hmong	Thailand	15185	100	56
SDA	1330	1400	Indonesian	Malaysia	15185	100	237
TRM	1330	1400	Kokborok	Bangladesh	15255	125	
NAU	1330	1500	Mandarin	W-China	15285	250	
TRM	1330	1400	Thai	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	15445	125	
TRM	1400	1430	Asho	Chin Myanmar	15150	125	
TAC	1400	1500	Mandarin	S-China	15715	125	
SDA	1400	1500	Mandarin	C/N-China	9900	100	
MOS	1400	1430	Urdu	Pakistan	15440	300	
MDC	1400	1500	Malagasy	Madagascar	6055	100	
SDA	1400	1430	Sinhalese	Sri Lanka	15165	100	
TRM	1430	1500	PWO W Karen	Myanmar, Thailand, China	15150	125	
TRM	1430	1500	Burmese	Myanmar	15215	125	
MOS	1430	1500	Afar	Djibouti, NE-Ethiopia, Somalia	17605	300	
TRM	1430	1500	Karen	Myanmar, Thailand, China	17720	125	
TRM	1500	1530	Nepali	Nepal	15525	125	
MOS	1500	1530	Turkish	Turkey	11935	300	
SDA	1500	1530	Telugu	S-India	15590	100	
NAU	1500	1530	Panjabi	N-India	15605	250	
SDA	1500	1530	Nepali	Nepal	11900	100	
TRM	1500	1530	Mizo	NE-India	15215	125	
SDA	1500	1530	Tamil	S-India	15725	100	
MDC	1530	1600	Malayalam	S-India	17605	125	
NAU	1530	1600	English	Nepal, Tibet	15670	250	12347
TRM	1530	1600	Marathi	C-India	11975	125	
NAU	1530	1600	Tibetan	Nepal, Tibet	15670	250	56
TRM	1530	1600	Oriya	India-Odisha	11855	125	
TAC	1530	1600	Kannada	S-India	9625	125	
TAC	1530	1600	Hindi	C-India	11985	125	
MOS	1530	1600	Panjabi	Pakistan	15160	300	
NAU	1530	1600	Hindi	N-India	17760	250	
TAC	1530	1600	Gujarati	India-Gujarat	12025	125	
TAC	1600	1630	English	S-India	11985	125	
NAU	1600	1630	Bulgarian	Bulgaria	9830	100	
TRM	1600	1630	English	C-India	11975	125	
MOS	1600	1630	Urdu	Pakistan	15160	300	
TRM	1600	1630	Urdu	N-India	11695	125	
NAU	1630	1700	Tigrinya	Eritrea	15490	250	
TRM	1630	1700	Sindhi	S-Pakistan	15360	125	1357
MOS	1630	1700	Farsi	Iran	15150	300	
NAU	1630	1700	Somali	Somalia	17570	250	
TRM	1630	1700	English	N-India	15360	125	246
MDC	1700	1728	Kiswahili	Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda	11790	250	
NAU	1700	1730	Amharic	Ethiopia	17570	250	
MEY	1700	1730	Kiswahili	Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda	9600	250	
NAU	1730	1800	Kabyle	Morocco, Algeria	15170	100	
MEY	1730	1800	Masai	Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda	9600	250	

NAU	1730	1800	Oromo	S-Ethiopia	17725	250	
MOS	1800	1900	Arabic	Libya	11955	300	
TRM	1830	1900	English	E-Africa	15155	250	
NAU	1900	2000	Arabic	Morocco, Algeria	11800	100	
NAU	1900	1930	Wolof	Senegal, Gambia	11790	250	
MDC	1900	2000	Arabic	Egypt, Iraq, Arab Peninsula	11680	250	
MOS	1900	1930	Hausa	Nigeria	11955	300	
MOS	1930	2000	French	C-Africa	15155	300	
NAU	1930	2000	Tachelhit	Morocco, Algeria	11955	100	
ISS	1930	2000	Ibo	E-Nigeria	11885	250	
MEY	1930	2000	Fulfulde	Cameroon, Ghana, (Senegal)	11790	250	
NAU	2000	2030	French	Morocco, Algeria	9610	100	
SDA	2000	2030	Russian	E-Russia	9760	100	
NAU	2000	2030	French	Cameroon, Niger	9565	250	
ISS	2000	2030	Moore	Burkina Faso	9770	250	
MOS	2000	2030	Dyula	Burk. Faso, Ivory Coast, Mali	11880	300	
ISS	2030	2100	Yoruba	Nigeria	11790	250	
MOS	2030	2100	French	W-Africa	15155	300	
MOS	2100	2130	English	W-Africa	11880	300	
SDA	2100	2200	Mandarin	W-Japan, S-China	12040	100	
SDA	2100	2200	Mandarin	C/N-China	11750	100	
SDA	2100	2200	Korean	Korea	11790	100	
SDA	2200	2230	Indonesian	W-Indonesia	15320	100	
SDA	2200	2300	Mandarin	C/N-China	15215	100	
SDA	2200	2300	Mandarin	NE-China	15685	100	
SDA	2200	2300	Vietnamese	Vietnam	15630	100	
TRM	2200	2230	English	W-Indonesia	7445	125	135
TRM	2200	2230	Sundanese	W-Indonesia	7445	125	2467
TRM	2230	2300	Indonesian	W-Indonesia	7445	125	
SDA	2230	2300	Javanese	W-Indonesia	15320	100	
SDA	2300	2400	Mandarin	NE-China	15625	100	
SDA	2300	2330	Vietnamese	Vietnam	15320	100	
SDA	2300	2330	Khmer	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	15365	100	234
SDA	2300	2400	Mandarin	C/N-China	17520	100	
SDA	2300	2330	Khmer	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	15365	100	1567
SDA	2330	2400	Asho	Chin Myanmar	17650	100	
SDA	2330	2400	Lao	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	15365	100	57
SDA	2330	2400	Thai	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	15365	100	12346

Site:
ISS = Issoudun
SDA = Agat
MDC = Madagascar
TAI = Taipei
MEY = Meyerton
TRM = Trincomalee
MOS = Moosbrunn
NAU = Nauen

TAC = Tashkent
DB = Dushanbe

Days:
1 = Sunday
2 = Monday
3 = Tuesday
4 = Wednesday
5 = Thursday
6 = Friday
7 = Saturday
---- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, March 22, DXLD)

???? WHY is this schedule lacking AWR via WRMI, even WWCR, VOH? Ten sites, but no longer via Okeechobee from A-17, or oversight? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non]. 1650, GULF OF MEXICO, 0045 March 17, 2017. Pointing NNW, so presumably the Beacon Formerly Known As SAC, now in the mode of sending a 10-second ~400 Hz tone and pause, huge level atop the western side of the two I-275 Tampa non-compu male cycled "You are listening to the Florida Department of Transportation Highway Advisory Radio Station...This is WQQJ297,.. in the event of a major incident .. tune your radio to this station... dial 511 from your cell phone or go to www.FL511-dot-com..." Thanks Craig Cook, Oviedo, FL for the tip (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL,
Florida Low Power Radio Stations:
https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. Radio Sedoye Bahar & Radio Ranginkaman via BaBcoCk Grigoriopol, March 17, KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs in Farsi:
Radio Ranginkaman 1700-1730 on 7580 Mon/Fri Radio Rainbow, weak
Radio Sedoye Bahar 1900-1930 on 7510 Thu/Fri Voice of Spring, weak
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/radio-sedoye-bahar-radio-ranginkaman.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Summer A-17 changes of clandestine broadcasts via BaBcoCk: Sedoye Bahar Voice of Spring will be at new time & frequency
1700-1730 NF 7530 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Farsi Thu/Fri in A-17
ex 1730-18 on 7495 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Farsi Thu/Fri in A-16
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-changes-of-clandestine.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #999 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 20, 2017 via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. I have been advised by the proper persons that "the VOH Israel facility is now testing with modest power, and that an announcement of commencement of regular operation is forthcoming in

the very near future" (Glenn Hauser, March 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Hope, Israel testing 1287 kHz --- Voice of Hope tested Sunday March 20th [sic - Sun was 19th --- AP] on 1287 kHz with a power of approx. 10 kW. Bengt Ericson, Arctic Radio Club (ARC) is the first reporter worldwide. They will be testing from the AM site at She¥ar Yashuv in Israel and expect to be on the air with regular programs in 2-3 weeks. The answer from Ray Robinson, Vice President, Global Operations, Strategic Communication Group - Voice of Hope:

"Hi Bengt. Yes, indeed we were (testing)! The transmitter near the Israel/Lebanon border were completed this afternoon (Sunday March 19th) and at times they ran it with a test tone mostly running at 10 kW, but they did run it up to 50 kW. Yours is the first report we have received! We expect to be testing this week with audio and ID "Saout al Amal" in Arabic or in English "From the shores of the Sea of Galilee, this is the Voice of Hope". (Information from Ray Robinson via Mauno Ritola, ARC 19.10.2016) (Ronny B Goode on WRTH - World Radio Tv Handbook Facebook Group, 20 March)

Congrats, Bengt! Heard now also at my location with non-stop Arabic language songs (Mauno Ritola (Finland), ibid, 1700 UTC, 20 March)

Station website is
http://www.voiceofhope.com/station_middleeast.html
All Posted by: ("Alan Pennington", March 20, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

From Dawson Hatfield, Stephen Lockwood is in Israel. He is linked to the imminent launch of Voice of Hope programmes from She'ar Yeshuv in the North of Israel on 1287 kHz (Dan Goldfarb, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

Voice of Hope - Middle East is currently testing with reduced power (10 kW) on 1287 kHz from Northern Israel. We learned today (Wednesday) that a few environmental modifications are needed at the transmitter site before we can run up to full power, and these will take until around the end of the month to be completed. It has been decided in the meantime to continue testing with reduced power, using non-stop Arabic Christian music. Regular operation is expected to commence late this month or in early April.

And, for those who are interested, there will be an item about this station (including an interview with the network president, Rev. John Tayloe) in this week's Wavescan, which begins airing on Sunday 26th, at various times and frequencies on WRMI, KSDA and other AWR outlets, Voice of Hope - Africa, and WWCR. Also available as a podcast via TuneIn.com and iTunes (Ray Robinson, Voice of Hope, Los Angeles - Lusaka - Galilee, Mar 22, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

HISTORY of Voice of Hope broadcasts from Israel - Lebanon border area:

In February this year, in an unprecedented move, the government of Israel awarded us a license to re-launch Voice of Hope there, broadcasting mainly in Aramaic to provide encouragement and support to displaced Christians in camps in Lebanon and Jordan, and in Arabic to reach Muslims with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There will also be a few hours of English in the evenings. The license we received awards us the clear channel of 1287 kHz with an output power of 100 kW!

We have been assigned to an existing transmitter site in the Upper Galilee region. The station is now under construction, and we plan to be on the air by the end of the year. Isn't it interesting how things can turn full circle! (Ray Robinson, VP Operations, Voice of Hope via John Durham, July NZ DX Times direct and via WOR dxld July 10, 2016)

1287 kHz used to be 100 kW at Ramle for Galei Tzahal, the IDF station which was also on SW; really exactly same transmitter revived?? (Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, WOR dxld July 10, 2016)

Israel 1287 kHz (Re: DX Listening Digest #16-27)

Northern MW location in Upper Galilee region
is She'ar-Yeshuv (Northern) 882 and 1458 kHz.
33 12 57.39 N 35 38 39.75 E

<https:\\binged.it/29BubKj>

3.5 km south of Lebanon-Israel border. I guess, is not a problem to change 1287 kHz ITU registration request from Ramlah (Central) to She ar-Yeshuv (Northern) location.

Some MW and also two revolving horizontal SW log-per masts are still seen on the northern site at Akko, via StreetView feature.
32 54 42.10 N 35 06 59.38 E

<https:\\binged.it/29BuDII>

Akko 738 ex927 1206 1575 kHz 55 km west of Upper Galilee region.

Old 1287 kHz MW Ramlah (Central) MW location

31 53 02.37 N 34 50 52.98 E
<https://binged.it/29A05De>

was 159 kilometers southwards of Upper Galilee region, in central

Israel, not far from other Galei Tzahal Yavne transmitter site.

The old Voice of Hope station location in Lebanon at LBN_former
VoHope/King of Hope Marjaayoun MW 945 kHz 12 kW, 6215 50/13 kW

somewhere close this small village Marjaayoun
33 21 42.45 N 35 35 19.66 E or Narbatieh greater area

is only 16 kilometers distance away of the new ISR MW location
at She ar-Yeshuv (Northern).
(wb df5sx, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 10, 2016)

Re. > We have been assigned to an existing transmitter site in
the Upper Galilee region. [...] comment by Kai Ludwig:

Former MW 1287 kHz installation, used to be 100 kW at Ramle for Galei
Tzahal, the IDF station which was also on SW; really exactly same
transmitter revived?

According to these descriptions: No. The former 1287 kHz transmitter
was apparently a few kilometres southeast of Tel Aviv, at least not in
northern Israel. Perhaps it no longer exists at all, it had probably a
specific reason that they abandoned 1287 kHz years before they
abandoned mediumwave altogether.

[later]
It's interesting that two apparent shortwave LP's are there as well:
<https:\\goo.gl/maps/NbNd8dmDGjH2>
<http://www.panoramio.com/photo/95159984>

Also to be seen there this, tsk:
<http://www.panoramio.com/photo/131072517>
They must have brought the repairing train in - by ship. To my
knowledge it is not even theoretically, in the sense of usable tracks,
possible for a train to reach Israel anymore.

Northern MW location in Upper Galilee region
is She ar-Yeshuv (Northern) 882 and 1458 kHz.
33 12 57.39 N 35 38 39.75 E

<https:\\binged.it/29BubKj>
<https:\\goo.gl/maps/Fz637PCBgh92>

More nice views, with even the base insulator of the antenna visible,
further on the street. Looks pretty new, with the shiny building
proudly carrying the Bezeq logo. Indeed the frequency lists in WRTH
2003 suggest that this transmitter did not exist yet at this point.

Some MW masts are still seen on the northern site Akko
32 54 42.10 N 35 06 59.38 E

<https:\\binged.it/29BuDII>

ISR Akko 738 ex927 1206 1575 kHz 55 km west of Upper Galilee region.

And already outside it, so to be considered only if the reference to Upper Galilee was loose.

By the way, the 10 kW on 738 kHz is a measly replacement for a 1200 kW facility they had to give up due to concerns of electromagnetic radiation if I recall correct, thus losing most of the mediumwave coverage of Arabic-language radio.

{ISR_Bezeq [KOL] Tel Aviv "Hillel" Kadima Porat stn 576 / 738 kHz 1200 kW; SW stn 300/500 kW. Former location 32 16 55.46 N 34 55 56.49 E }
<https://binged.it/29zZUIo>
<https://goo.gl/maps/6cU4gdjMYCv>

And even this 10 kW aux appears to have been established only after 738 kHz was completely off for years.

Old 1287 kHz MW Ramlah(Central) MW location
31 53 02.37 N 34 50 52.98 E
<https://binged.it/29A05De>

was 159 kilometers southwards of Upper Galilee region, in central Israel, not far from other Galei Tzahal Yavne transmitter site.

And Bezeq reserve location too
31 38 19.65 N 34 49 35.98 E

Yavne is of course a Bezeq facility, too, the one with also the shortwave transmitters that may or may not be still in operational condition now, three years after the last official transmissions.

The story seems to be such that first the 1287 kHz transmitter has been closed, at some point between 2003 and 2010. Then only after a break a Yavne service started instead, not on 1287 but on 945 kHz instead (why??), and apparently continued until Galei Zahal abandoned mediumwave altogether. (Kai Ludwig-D, dxld July 10, 2016)

MORE HISTORY: Older V. of Hope Marjaayoun (Narbatieh area) Lebanon
History of 1996 year

9990 kHz, V. of Hope. Recently moved to this new freq from 9960 kHz, to escape QRM from R. Ukraine Internet. After they made the move, they

noticed that Ukraine is no longer using 9960 kHz, -- but VOH will remain on 9990 kHz, 24 hours a day. Prior to Sept 1st, 1996, they were on with a power of 13 kW, but now they're only using 5 kW due to budget constraints.

This tx has a maximum output of 25 kW. This info per Gary Hull, VOH station manager. {Johnson via Cumbre_Dx, Sept 6, 1996}

Voice of Hope. We recently learned that since all our txs have been revived and are now capable of running at maximum power, our electric bill has soared to $10,000 a month.

Unfortunately, the gifts and offerings sent to High Adventure Ministries are not able to sustain this level of expense at the present time. So we are having to throttle back our transmitters and consider cutting back from 24 hours to 18 hours per day broadcasting. We will also be creating a web page shortly. {Gary Hull, Voice of Hope Station Manager, via Cumbre_Dx, Oct 10, 1996}

High Adventure Ministries: transmitter update.
A circular letter from George Otis of High Adventure Ministries [a California-based evangelical organization which broadcasts on SW via transmitterss in Lebanon, Georgia, Palau, Russia and the USA] gives item of interesting radio information:

- The King of Hope [shortwave] transmitter in Lebanon was destroyed by an internal fire.

Voice of Hope, High Adventure Ministries: Planned sked for W97 season has been varied, for Tbilisi, Georgia in Nov 1997.

In a letter received here today, Voice of Hope, Lebanon says that they bc on 9960, from Marjayoun, Lebanon, 12 kW, and on MW 945 kHz, 13 kW.

The tx 6215/6280 kHz, was destroyed June 29th, 1997 by a fire. <http://www.highadventure.org/voh_era.html> {Holst via DXW, Dec 7, 1997} {via AWR Indianapolis, via BBC_M via AGDX, Aug 17, 1997}

9960 kHz, Voice of Hope, b/cs from Marj Uyun in the Israeli-controlled "security zone" in Southern Lebanon, and was set up in 1979 by the late Maj. Sa'ad Haddad, leader of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army. Each tx uses a different name: "Voice of Hope" (on 684 and 945 kHz MW; "King of Hope" / "Voice of Hope" (on SW); and "Prince of Peace" (on 104.5 & 105.1 FM).

SW 9960 kHz sked: 0400-0200 (English 0400-0800 [Dr. Gene Scott], 0800-1100, 1300-1500, 1530-1630, 1900-2100, 2100-0200 [Dr. Gene Scott]). SW 6280 kHz is still inactive. {BBC_M via AGDX & NU, Jan 11, 1997}

High Adventure Ministries: I just signed a contract for the delivery of a new 10 kW dual-freq SW tx for their station in Lebanon. The tx will be installed in LEB in January 1999 to replace the unit that burned out in June 1997 {Ludo Maes-BEL, via Cumbre_Dx, Sept 23, 1998}

11530, High Adventure R, The Voice of Hope, Marjayoun, 6 kW, QSL-l full data, 39 days for 2 IRC, sent RR to Cyprus address and the stn reply via ISR according to the radio stn this is the addr: P.O.Box 77, Metulla, Israel, via e-mail <radio98 -at- hotmail.com> {Nicolas Eramo-ARG, June 8, 1999}

VoHope stn manager Gary Hull had this to say about their new tx. We conducted our first audio test with program material Thur [Jun 10 ... 15, 1999] on 6280 kHz at 10 kW from Marjayoun Lebanon. Test only lasted 10 minutes. We need to finish the cooling system and do final checks on all systems. Hopefully if all goes well we will begin bcing a normal schedule of programs this week, perhaps as early as Tues.

We are looking for RRs. They would be of great help as we set up for the future. We particularly need to know if there is any co-channel interference.

After we are sure 6280 is working flawlessly, we will try to change to 11515 at 0800-1600 GMT. This might come several weeks down the line.

[...] v11515 VoH Per Gary Hull, stn manager- "We found the [new] tx to be working fine except for the automatic switch for freq change and the lack of VSWR protection. For this reason we are waiting for new parts to arrive before we begin daily switching between 6280 and 11515 kHz. For the past week we have been running continuously on 11515 kHz at 10 kW." {via Johnson-FL-USA, Cumbre_DX, June 13, / July 3, 1999}

6279.94, King of Hope, at 0221-0228 GMT on July 10, Ar mx & at 0225 began a jamming, at 0234 GMT continue the mx. SINPO: 25442. {Gabriel I. Barrera-ARG, TFW, July 29, 1999}

{LEBANON/ISRAEL/GERMANY} New schedule High Adventure Ministries to ME. High Adventure Ministries has dismantled all of it's txs and antennas, following the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Southern Lebanon. {May 20}

Broadcasts that took place on 6280, 11515, and 11530 kHz have been discontinued and are being replaced by bcs from Juelich according to the following schedule:

0800-1200 21590 115 degr ME
Freq would be absolutely clear in this time frame.

1200-1559 21460 115 degr ME
Freq would be absolutely clear in this time frame

1700-2100 11985 075 degr High gain antenna system
{via TDP c/o Ludo Maes, B-2310 Rijkevorsel, Belgium, May 24, 2000 year}

High Adventure South Lebanon. With the withdrawal of the Israeli troops and the end of the South Lebanese Army it should be interesting to watch for the developments at the radio station of High Adventure Ministries which is located in the former security zone now taken over by Hisbollah fighters.

When I checked 6280, 11515, and 11530 kHz yesterday and today I was not able to hear them. Maybe they are already gone, maybe we might expect the sign-on of a different radio voice in the near future.

{Dr. Hansjoerg Biener-D, wwdxc agdx May 24, 2000}
(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 10, 2016)

ISRAEL, Google Earth imagery. Some high resolution places in 2008year.
Akko 927/1206/1575: 32 54 50 N 35 07 03 E
<http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&hl=de&geocode=&q=32%C2%B054%2742.10%22N+++
+35%C2%B006%2759.38%22E&ie=UTF8&ll=32.912099,35.116564&spn=0.006548,0.010171&t=h&z
=17>

Ramla 1287: 31 53 03 N 34 50 55 E? (probably, poor resolution)
Rosh Pina 1368: ?32 58 46 N 35 31 54 E
She ar-Yeshuv 882: 33 12 58 N 35 38 40 E
(Alan Davies-INS, SW TXsite Aug 24, 2008)
(ALL via Wolfgang B˚schel, BC-DX 20 March 2017 via DXLD)

** ISRAEL [non]. Voice of Peace 4845 kHz --- Currently hearing (1930 UT) Voice of Peace on 4845.0 kHz - station relaying internet station http://www.thevoiceofpeace.co.il
with Mark St John and rock music show with Rainbow, Led Zeppelin etc. Fair reception with moderate fading but occasional bursts of (ute?) QRM. 73, (Alan Pennington, AOR 7030plus, longwire, Caversham, UK, March 21, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

The VoP relay seemed to close at 2018 UT. But since have heard some pirate activity on 4850 and 4840. Is this a new pirate band? 73 (Alan, 2108 UT March 21, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1870)

Did you check via any remote receivers; what do you think about the location? Thanks, (Mauno Ritola, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Did not check remote receiver reception, just my home base AOR7030plus. Marginally better on north-south longwire from here. Also heard with "good reception" in Riga, Latvia at same time by Andrew Kuznetsov (on WRTH Facebook Group). I think it is just a relay by a euro pirate. I asked Voice of Peace on Facebook if it was them, and they replied "Not official! Probably a fan".

After VoP disappeared (at 2017 UT), also heard euro pirates on 4850 and 4840. The station on 4840, on listening back to minidisc, was Shortwave Zero Zero (announced gmail address), location unknown but with similar fair signal also. 73, (Alan Pennington, UK, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, ibid.)

** ITALY. 7700 USB, Marconi Radio International, 1750-1945, 19-03, Italian, radio news, identification in English and other languages, songs. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. RAI show to close after 'crazy' Eastern women report - English - ANSA.it
http://www.ansa.it/english/news/2017/03/20/rai-show-to-close-after-crazy-eastern-women-report_21cb50f8-2756-4029-b954-65bbdf994533.html
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** JAPAN. 13720, March 18 at 1810, Chinese singing at S6; the SSOBOONA (strongest signal on band outside of North America = 13820 & 13845). Figure it will look up to CNR1 and/or RFA to be jammed, but not so in HFCC, Eibi, Aoki. Only listee is NHK in Japanese to South America, 85 degrees, 300 kW direct at 1655-1900 (Saudi is also supposed to be on here after 1800).

This reminds me of an unID by Mark Taylor, WI in the NASWA Flashsheet at a much earlier hour on 13720, March 12 at 1325, ``traditional Chinese vocal song``, which didn`t match listings either. Maybe there really is something new and Chinese here (Glenn hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. Radio NIKKEI will be temporally off the air. For maintenance of the transmitting sites, Radio NIKKEI will temporally stop shortwave broadcasting during the periods as shown below. Days and Times are in JST, which is UT +9 hours. Domestic streaming services on RADIKO <http://radiko.jp/#!/live/RN1> and <http://radiko.jp/#!/live/RN2> are not affected.

Program 1
3925kHz April 12 - May 2
         (Nemuro relay station on March 1 - March 21)

6055kHz May 10   - May 30
9595kHz March 22 - April 11

Program 2
3945kHz 08:00-19:00 JST on March 7 - April 4 except March 11/12/18/19
6115kHz April   5 - May 2   except April 8/9/15/16
9760kHz February 8 - March 7 except February 11/12/18/19 (done)
(Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo-JPN, March 14, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews BC-DX 20 March via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** JAPAN [and non]. A-17 changes of Radio Japan NHK World from Mar 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-changes-of-radio-japan-nhk.html

Viz.:
0300-0500 NF 6105 ISS 500 kW / 290 deg CeAm Japanese, ex 5910 A-16
0300-0500 NF 9490 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg WeAs Japanese, ex 11680 A-16
0430-0500 on 6165 NAU 125 kW / 085 deg EaEu Russian, ex SIT in A-16
0500-0530 on 5975 MOS 300 kW / non-dir WeEu English, ex WOF in A-16
0700-0800 NF 11825 YAM 300 kW / 330 deg FERu Japanese, ex 11790 A-16
0800-0900 NF 15280 YAM 300 kW / 235 deg SEAs Japanese, ex 13650 A-16
0900-0930 on 6090 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Chinese, cancelled A-17
0915-0945 on 5950 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Korean, cancelled A-17
1100-1130 on 6090 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Korean, new time A-17
1100-1130 NF 7355 YAM 300 kW / 330 deg FERu Russian, ex 6090 A-16
1130-1200 on 6090 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Chinese, ex Korean A-16
1200-1230 on 6090 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Korean, ex Chinese A-16
1230-1300 on 6190 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Chinese, ex Korean A-16
1300-1330 on 6190 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Korean, ex Chinese A-16
1330-1400 on 6190 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Chinese, ex Korean A-16
1400-1430 on 6190 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Korean, ex Chinese A-16
1430-1500 on 6190 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Chinese, ex Korean A-16
1530-1600 on 9540 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Chinese, cancelled A-17
1930-2000 NF 9480 YAM 300 kW / 175 deg Pac English, ex 9645 A-16
2000-2100 NF 9480 YAM 300 kW / 175 deg Pac Japanese, ex 9645 A-16
(Observer ? 8:07 PM; English via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** KASHMIR. INDIA. 4950, AIR-Srinagar, Mar 16 1429-1436, 33333, Kashmiri, Theme music and ID at 1430 as "Radio Kashmir Srinagar, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR [non]. CLANDESTINE, 4870.30, V. of Kashmir, Mar 19 *1430-1436, 25332, Kashmiri, 1430 s/on with opening music, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. A STUDY OF NORTH KOREAN MEDIA (including radio) - Interactive Book

ìThis unprecedented project is a multimedia e-book containing audio, video, photographs and even interactive annotated panorama views that has lifted the curtain on North Korea's propaganda machine, surreptitiously documenting the country's strange everyday life, which is shaped by the regime's indoctrination efforts.î Mashable

Something I have been working on for a few years is now available as a free-of-charge download in iTunesÖ

The goal of this project is to give people outside of North Korea a chance to peek inside the strangest nation on earth. I wanted to document the country's propaganda-based mass media not only from outside the country, but also inside. That required me to become a smuggler.

North Korea prevents its citizens from accessing any form of independent media. Any citizen who attempts to access foreign broadcasts to seek information from the outside world risks being interned in one of the stateís notorious prison camps. Behind the Curtain smuggled devices into and out of the country to monitor, record and analyse the propaganda and broadcast media used by the North Korean regime as a prime instrument of control over the population.

Click on this link for a no-charge copy from the iTunes store:
http://itunes.apple.com/us/book/id1215367066

Cheers, (Mark Fahey, Sydney, Australia, March 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. N. Korea: Shortwave -> Timed Recording -> MP3 Podcast

Since the Voice of Korea from North Korea produces an English broadcast but does not have a radio stream nor podcast, considering the raised political tensions, how about an automated set-up to make it easier to monitor their broadcasts?

Shortwave Radio -> PC Controlled/connected -> Software to record at a specific time -> Software to feed into a Podcasting program -> Publish to Podcast host

http://www.northkoreatech.org/2016/11/01/voice-of-korea-schedule-through-spring-2017/
http://www.short-wave.info/?station=Voice%20of%20Korea

Or someone in Asia could record from satellite, like the club in Germany:

https://www.lyngsat.com/radiochannels/kp/Voice-of-Korea.html

German club:
http://www.radio360.eu/
(they can only receive satellite radio from Europe)

I guess WRN used to do this:
http://www.northkoreatech.org/2013/05/28/voice-of-koreas-shortwave-broadcasts-now-on-demand/

What can I bring to this idea? As this is beyond my tech skills / equipment, my contribution would be to bring listeners via my 1 Radio New Pro app and I could help promote awareness.

While I certainly hope we avoid all out war, it seems crucial to broaden the audience to listen to the statements from North Korea at this time. Ready to lead this idea? Give a shout out.
(Steve Clift, http://1radionews.com
March 21, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

VOICE OF KOREA 70TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

Hello! Voice of Korea, the official external broadcaster of the DPR Korea (North), celebrated its 70th founding anniversary on 16 March 2017 (it was founded as Radio Pyongyang in 1947). I have uploaded Voice of Korea videos in English, Korean, German, French, Spanish and Arabic for all to download as you please:
https://tinyurl.com/mpq35bj
ENJOY! Vy 73, (Arnulf Piontek, Berlin, Germany, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST

** KOREA NORTH. 5905, SOUTH KOREA [sic], Echo of Unification (presumed) 3/17 1315. W in Korean, Korean music. VG. Logs from the picnic table (unless otherwise stated), from the backyard, using SW-2000629/ATS-505/ DX-402 with 20' wire. Times/dates in UT. Language English (unless otherwise stated). 73 and Good Listening! (Rick Barton, Arizona, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This station is the ONLY SW clandestine from North to South Korea, per WRTH. Scads of others are for North Korea, some originating in the South. Here, they are usually filed as KOREA NORTH [non], or as KOREA SOUTH if site is definite, e.g. EOH below (Glelnn Hauser, DXLD)

5905, Echo of Unification (Pyongyang) 1425-1432* 10 March. Good signal with relaxed Korean chat & distinctive orchestral closing theme. Listed //s 3970, 6250 unheard [6250 covered by NK jamming v. Echo of Hope]. Recheck 12 March 1410-1431* with more relaxed Korean chat (mention of "Juche, Panmunjom" occasionally), mix of quiet Korean "M-

o-R" & one thumpy anthemic group song, (presumed) closing announcements at 1425 with orchestral closing theme at 1429-1431; not so clear today with CCI from CRI's Russian program via Kashi-Saibagh (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5935, March 16 at 1306, Sea Breeze from JSR Tokyo is still here another Thursday with English, typical sounders; weak but no jamming audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 4885, ìEcho of Hopeî clandestine March 11, 2017 1515ñ 1602 in Korean. Pop music, M & F alternating exhortations. Decent signal strength, heavy QRN, but listenable. QRN increasing after 1535. No jamming detected here even though target is N. Korea and station is listed as frequently jammed. Occasional inspirational music with vocals. ID at top of hour, followed by F announcer and what sounded like news items (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA, Equipment currently in use: Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B, Sony ICF-2010, Ten-Tec RX-340. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380, 1.2 meter whip on ICF-2010, and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet March 19 via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. KOREA REP OF, KBS World Radio Seoul - Test Transmissions 16th/17th March --- KBS World Radio English Service will carry out test transmission towards Europe from March 16 to 17 ahead of the A17 shortwave frequency adjustment. Please tune into the following frequency and send us your reception reports. Your feedback will help us greatly in choosing the best frequency option for the new season. Thank you!

Date: 16th and 17th March 2017.
Time 2200 to 2400 UT. Frequency (kHz): 11810 kHz. Target area: Europe
E-Mail: <english -at- kbs.co.kr>

Address:
KBS WORLD Radio
13 Yoigongwon-ro
Yeongdeungpo-gu
Seoul, 07235, Rep. of KOREA
Fax: +822-781-3694~6
(KBS via Nick Sharpe-UK, BrDXC-UK yg March 15) via wb

Test 11810 kHz: Had no chance to monitor KBS before, but heard KBS English service today on March 19, at 2225 til 2245 UT. NIL signal heard in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Doha Qatar, Scandinavia, London U.K. and Poland. Poor tiny S=4 or -103dbm in Netherlands and Bavaria Germany. Better in southern Europe, S=8 in Hungary, S=9 in various remote SDR in Italy. 73 wolfie (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. In Saturdayís mail (March 18) came a 2017 calendar from Radio Kuwait. Okay, so the year is a quarter done already, that isnít the point. The fact that they sent one of their shortwave listeners a 2017 calendar hopefully means they expect to be back on shortwave in the very near future. After December 2017 comes several pages containing scheduling information. First, is the Kuwait Space Channels and International Satellite TV and Radio Broadcast information - 2 pages. Next was the Radio Kuwait Frequency Schedule (FM) ñ another 2 pages. The next section is the Radio Kuwait Frequency Schedule (SW) ñ 2 more pages. The final page is the Radio Kuwait Frequency Schedule (MW). In the shortwave section, the English program to Europe was listed as 1800-2100 UT on 15540 kHz. We shall see what the future brings (Rich D`Angelo, PA, NASWA Flashsheet March 19 via DXLD) Viz.:

Radio Kuwait sent me a "2017 Calendar" with the following list of stations. Will they resume SW transmission in A17 season?

SW External Service

0200-0900	5960	Arabic	to Middle East
1600-2100	6050	Arabic	to Middle East
0800-1000	7250	Persian	to Middle East
1100-1600	9750	Arabic	to North Africa
0930-1600	11630	Holy Quran	to Central Africa
0500-0900	15515	Arabic	to Far East
1000-1200	21580	Pilipino	to South East Asia
1600-1800	15540	Urdu	to South Asia
0945-1730	21540	Arabic	to Europe
1800-2100	15540	English	to Europe
2000-0000	17550	Arabic	to North America
1700-2000	13650	Arabic	to North America

Domestic Services on MW
Main Arabic Program 540 kHz 24hrs
963 kHz 0200-0500 1200-1600 2100-0200
Holy Quran 630 kHz 24hrs

English/Persian/Pilipino/Urdu/Bengali Programs 963 kHz
Sport/Matches 1134 kHz 24hrs
Arabic Main Program/National Assembly Sessions 1269 kHz 24hrs
Holy Quran 1341 kHz 2200-0400
Arabic 2nd Program 1341 kHz 0400-2200

Domestic Services on FM
Arabic Music Program - Classical 87.9 101 24 hrs
Main Arabic Program 89.5 95.3 24 hrs
OFM 88.4 93.9 24 hrs
Easy FM 92.5 96.3 24 hrs
English/Persian/Pilipino/Urdu/Bengali Programs 93.3

Folklore 94.9 24 hrs
Holy Quran 97.5 98.9 105.1 24 hrs
Arabic 2nd Program 97.5 94.5 0400-2200
FM Super Station 99.7 24 hrs
TV Sound 100.5 24 hrs
Arabic Music Program - Modern 103.7 103.2 24 hrs

Other FM Stations (all 24 hrs)
Kuwait Pulse 88.8
BBC Arabic 90.1
Marina FM 90.4
Arabian Gulf Radio 91.5
SAWA 95.7
VOA 96.9
BBC English 100.1
Soul AL Rayyan 102
Voice of the Gulf 102.4
RFI 106.3
Monte Carlo 107.4
(Radio Kuwait, via Takahito Akabayashi-Tokyo-JPN, March 18, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 20 via DXLD)

** LAOS. 6129.98, Lao Nat. R. - Vientiane, Mar 22 1153-1205, 23432, Laotian, Talk and ethnic music and news, Theme music and Seven gongs at 1200 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LATIN AMERICA. Radio PiraÒa Internacional est· transmitiendo por estos dÌas desde alg˙n lugar de AmÈrica Latina por la frecuencia de 6930 kHz desde aproximadamente las 21:00 UTC hasta 14:00 UTC. Esto ocurrir· por unos cuantos dÌas m·s y por ello muchos de los programas se repetir·n mientras que algunos tambiÈn se har·n en directo. TambiÈn RPI se convertir· por estos dÌas en relÈ de otras emisoras piratas. Recomendamos intentar su escucha y enviar sus comentarios, sugerencias y reportes de recepciuÛn a la siguiente direcciÛn electrÛnica: rpi@radiopirana.com
(Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, March 19, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio PiraÒa International on air, heard via remote webSDR in S„o Paulo, Brazil, SOUTH AMERICA, 6930.00, Radio PiraÒa Internacional, 0705-0724, 20-03, songs, Abba song and others, Spanish, comments, ID ìRadio PiraÒaÖî, identation [sic] song, mail address: ìrpi@radiopirana.comî. Weak to very weak. 15311 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Heard via webSDR in S„o Paulo, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. MADAG¡SCAR. 5009.9, R. TV Madagasikara, Ambohidrano,

1744-1805, 14/3, malgaxe, texto, m˙sica; 25331, QRM de sinal de ponto a ponto, pelas 1800. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of PORTUGAL, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 7390, March 18 at 0322, S9+20 signal with rock music looping as if vamping, so did MWV lose programming and default to this? Apparently not, as 0325 La Voz Alegre ID with contact info, slight gringo accent and pronouncing English words too well, except for the ``P O Boquis`` in Florida. Much stronger than something on 7385, presumably attenuated WHRI as the ``skip is long`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MADAGASCAR WORLD VOICE A17 Effective from 26th March to 29th Oct'2017

UT		FREQUENCY	TARGET AREA	LANGUAGE
0200	0300	9600	INDIA	ENGLISH
0200	0300	6070	S AMERICA	SPANISH
0300	0400	6170	NS AMERICA	SPANISH
0300	0400	15515	INDIA	ENGLISH
0400	0500	11825	AFRICA	A. ENGLISH
0400	0500	17530	S CHINA	CHINESE
1800	1900	9570	W RUSSIA	RUSSIAN
1800	1900	17640	AFRICA	A. ENGLISH
1900	2000	9820	W RUSSIA	RUSSIAN
1900	2000	11945	IRAN	ARABIC
2000	2100	13710	IRAN	ARABIC
2000	2100	17640	AFRICA	A. ENGLISH
2100	2200	11610	EUROPE	CHINESE
2200	2300	9490	S CHINA	CHINESE
2200	2300	11790	N AFRICA/EGYPT	ARABIC

Reports to : mwvradio@gmail.com, info@worldchristian.org
---- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA, 9835, Sarawak FM, at 1305-1326 UT on March 14. Non-stop speech about Sarawak, sounded like Prime Minister Razak; mostly in vernacular, but with "No problem in Sarawak," "I believe in the economy"; fair. Not \\ 11665 kHz (Wai FM) and 6050 kHz was silent (Asyik FM); fair (Ron Howard-CA-USA, March 15, DXplorer via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 20 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. New log: XESW-970 --- Reviewing last Sunday night's 0457-0507 [must be UT], I found XEJ and XESW both running La Hora de Chihuahua, about 4 1/2 minutes out of synch with each other. XESW is new (didn't realize I hadn't logged them from home).

Speaking of 970, I suspect that all 3 stations in Caborca SONORA,

(570, 970, 1170) moved to FM and turned off their AM some time ago. 73 (Tim Hall, Chula Vista CA, Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone, March 21, ABDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 1610, XEUACH, R. Universidad AutÛnoma, Chapingo, Chapingo, Edo. Mex. MAR 16 0210 - Poor in CHHA null with eclectic mix of mostly English-language music and young female announcer. 0258 "buenas noches," then Chapingo vocal anthem and XE instrumental anthem. The only Mexican station on 1610, XEUACH will be signing off at 0200 once Mexico starts DST on APR 2. They apparently have no interest in staying on past 9 p.m. local (Steve Francis, Alcoa TN; Realistic TRF 12-675, Select-a-tenna. NRC IDXD via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6185, Radio EducaciÛn, Ciudad de MÈxico, 0550-0601*, 19-03, classic music, program "Mujeres Compositoras", id. "Radio EducaciÛn". 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 6185, March 21 at 0327, S9+10 R. EducaciÛn stands out in absence of 6180 Brasil, and is even modulating adequately, discussion about the Suprema Corte. And well atop the Vatican CCI which is almost over (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE`S MEXICO BEAT this week --- [including DTV]

Some stories on the community radio landscape for your Thursday...

In Tizayuca, Hidalgo,
http://www.jornada.unam.mx/2017/03/13/estados/029n3est
local pirate …nfasis 98.3 has been airing an interview with the head of a company who wants to build an incinerator in the town and is facing pushback. 3,000 residents of the town want construction of the incinerator stopped, but you won't hear that on …nfasis, whose detractors say the company, Valorsum, S.A. de C.V., probably paid for the interview.

Meanwhile, in Sonora,
http://proyectopuente.com.mx/2017/03/12/denuncian-ataque-a-radio-comunitaria-en-bahia-kino/
the owner of a new radio station got the old community radio treatment: he was attacked and his motorcycle scorched by unknown assailants. Roberto MarroquÌn heads the civil association that will own XHVOC-FM BahÌa de Kino. MarroquÌn says the threat likely came from a group that controls a significant portion of regional economic activity, who buy products in Hermosillo and sell them to locals at a high markup.

A community radio station has apparently been awarded to Enlace

Taranda, A.C.,
https://www.facebook.com/radioscomunitariasdemexico/photos/a.987859667919176.1073741825.105864786118673/1358272630877876/?type=3&theater at Tarandacuao, Guanajuato. I can't find the Pleno approval for this one! (Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, March 16, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

If you're an AM DXer with a mind for Mexico City, you'll want this update, because it's time to pay your final respects to La 69. Beginning on Saturday, XEN-AM becomes a simulcast of XEJP-AM El FonÛgrafo,
https://twitter.com/ElFonografo/status/842116650266697729
proving once again that GRC cannot find any useful programming to put on 690 AM. La 69 served primarily as a simulcast outlet for GRC and Radio Red news programs in its 16-year existence (Raymie, Fri March 17, ibid.)

XEJP = 1150 in DF; also on 720 in Juarez, still I assume (gh)

Mexico City AM coverage is nowhere near what it used to be. Nobody can convince me that XEW is 250,000 watts.

I was able to hear 620 last week. 1530 was once the easiest Cd de Mexico catch, but it seems that KGBT adjusted their pattern. 730, 830, 970, 1000, 1030, 1500, 1560, 1590, and 1650 have made it here, but none of them are easy.

940 & 1060, although seemingly heard everywhere else, have yet to be heard here. A Cuban messes up any chance at 1220. BTW I love El FonÛgrafo. A SS standards station! cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Piones FL, March 17, ibid.)

They did dip their power. However, the growth of the metro has certainly made what used to be acceptable AM facilities less useful, not to mention all the band noise (Raymie, March 17, ibid.)

XEW-AM reduced its power; it currently emits with 100 kW. For the months of June-July 2016, its transmission tower was dismantled after changing the location of the transmission plant to Los Reyes Acaquilpan, MÈx. Along with XEW, XEX-AM with 60 kW and XEQ-AM with 30 kW were also moved to the recent transmission plant (RadarDX, DF, ibid.) 730 & 940 resp. (gh)

Thank you for the info. I still cannot hear XEW. I do hear XEQ from Ocala when I am up there in the null of WMAC [Macon GA] cd (Chris Dunne, FL, March 27, ibid.)

Following item: See original post for hotlinx despite being truncated:
http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=42850#post42850

The Terminator visited the Chiapas state network, so say your final goodbyes to six of its stations:

XHCMC-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/49981...5001344_28.pdf
[e.g. non truncated:]
http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/49981_170215001344_28.pdf
XHCPI-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44792...00437_1434.pdf
XHCBA-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44794...000609_918.pdf
XHOLQ-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44786...01641_8729.pdf
XHPCH-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44784...00747_3191.pdf
XHLCA-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44788...00932_9700.pdf

You can also now see the surrenders of some other stations that the Oaxaca state network dropped:

XHLBA-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44756...34043_5783.pdf
XHNNT-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44744...34212_4768.pdf
XHJBH-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44766...33108_7372.pdf
XHSST-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44484...33430_7551.pdf
XHJCE-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44761...34455_1281.pdf
XHSJP-TV: http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/44694...33303_3277.pdf
(Raymie, ibid.)

I'm putting this here because, well, I need help. Can someone find me Privada del Fraccionamiento Villa de Loma Real S/N, Tuxtla GutiÈrrez, Chiapas? I have turned up that XHUD-FM moved from its migration auth (and dropped ERP to 9.64 kW) but can't find any other info, especially with the address given. Radio N˙cleo's XHTGZ-FM is also here (Raymie, March 19, ibid.)

A guess (and without further evidence this is just a guess) is Central Norte 2270, 16-46-24N/93-07-44O. There's a large tower (large enough to support multiple FM stations) at that address. I don't see anything broadcast but the Street View photo dates to November 2015.

There is a nearby street Loma Real which Google Maps identifies as the center of a neighborhood of the same name. The Central Norte tower is clearly visible from this street. I see no other towers large enough for broadcast in this neighborhood (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, http://www.w9wi.com March 19, ibid.)

I just don't see FM bays, and the documents I have indicate it has to be there by 2015 (Raymie, ibid.)

It's March 20th and XEN is still "La 69". Maybe the change will be in 21st because today is a non laborable day? (Gargadon, Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, ibid.)

Well, it was announced for Saturday, not Monday. Benito Ju·rez's birthday might factor into things, but that's kind of a long shot. I'm not seeing that post on Facebook, though it's still up on Twitter. Curious indeed... (Raymie, ibid.)

What's this?
http://trion.fm/

Looks like some sort of new thing from Radio FÛrmula involving (so far) XHACE Mazatl·n, XHEOM Coatzacoalcos, XHACN LeÛn and XHETF Veracruz.

It seems geared toward a younger audience but maintaining the "major" RF news programs. Here's the blurb from the site, which mentions also HD carriage in Mexico City:

"TRI”N es fundamentalmente m˙sica, noticias, redes sociales, entretenimiento, lifestyle, videos, contenidos de humor y conciencia. Es tambiÈn un nuevo canal que pueden escuchar aquÌ, en vivo vÌa streaming, pero tambiÈn en las FMs de Grupo FÛrmula del paÌs, en HD en la ciudad de MÈxico y en las estaciones afiliadas.

Especialmente podr·n seguirnos en Facebook, pues es ahÌ donde encontrar·n nuestros videos promocionales, canciones, contenidos ˙nicos y especiales, adem·s de seguir nuestras promociones.

Hemos creado una fuente de entretenimiento indie alternativa, diferente a todo lo trillado que escuchan por doquier. TRI”N explora nueva m˙sica cada semana y rescata lo mejor de los 90s y 2000s."

They also had quite the launch party in LeÛn for it. I never thought FÛrmula would be up to this...
https://www.facebook.com/pg/TrionFM/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1839103336344599

Plus, we get this photo from Plaza Vela, which I call the radio heart of the port of Veracruz. It should be immediately apparent why...
(Not shown: XHWB-FM, also in that building!) (Raymie, March 21, ibid.)

Hmmm, øquÈ es la radio TriÛn? (mistyped previously as SciÛn)
Raymie sends me an email telling me these four stations have flipped to something called TriÛn.... (mistyped previously as SciÛn)

91.3 XHACE Mazatl·n
98.5 XHEON Coatzacoalcos
107.1 XHACN LeÛn
106.1 XHETF Veracruz

He tells me he doesn't really know what to call their format. SO - I run to their website to see if they have a live stream. Actually they do - four in fact.....

Mazatl·n
Coatzacoalcos
BajÌo (LeÛn)
Veracruz

I tried each one out. The Mazatl·n stream was horrible, continually cutting out (something in their audio, not the stream). Coatzacoalcos and LeÛn were okay, but low volume. The Veracruz stream was steady, but almost over-modulated. Maybe the internet techs for Radio FÛrmula are still working out the bugs.

So I left it on the Veracruz stream for more than a half hour, to see if I could get a peg on their format.
Hmmm.... Songs like "Wild Horses" by Bishop Briggs
"Bizarre Love Triangle" by Frente!
"On Hold" by The XX

Is this just plain old acoustic alternative??? And EE songs to boot? Maybe someone else knows. Audio clip attached of a live stream recording.

Attached Files File Type: mp3 106.1 XHETF Veracruz - Scion.mp3 (2.05 MB, 0 views) Last edited by Jim Thomas; 03-22-2017 at 09:19 AM. Reason: Edit - corrections, as in, removing the egg from my face :-) (Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, originally March 20, ibid.)

TriÛn, not Scion... I actually posted about it above... (You also have it as SciÛn in the DB) I am absolutely HORRIBLE at cataloguing station formats unless they are obvious or a network format (though Capital FM I see described as "pop" when some of its stations' playlists are more AC or classic hits).

What is clear is that it's aimed at a younger audience. Something Radio FÛrmula certainly can't get with its news/talk shows. Also, still can't find Radio FÛrmula Veracruz's transmitters. They're almost as frustrating as any of the ZER social wolves (Raymie, ibid.)

Is there an emoji for *egg on my face*??? I knew it was TriÛn all along and didn't even REALIZE I was typing a typo!!! Maybe I didn't get enuf sleep last night. Hmmm. DB has been corrected. I would make a correction to my previous post but that wouldn't be wiping the egg off my face (Jim Thomas, Springfield, MO, March 21, ibid.)

You were probably thinking about the car brand. I'm still baffled as to why this is coming out of Radio FÛrmula, though. My personal hunch is that RF is rolling this out particularly in areas with more young people and also in the areas where it has two FMs.

The second case would cover additional markets, namely Acapulco and MÈrida (and also Mexico City, but...) The first case might explain Mazatl·n or Coatza, which are cases where RF has one station.

I also think TriÛn might be rolled out on the FMs Radio FÛrmula gets in new-round migrants (GDL and MTY especially). Last edited by Raymie; 03-21-2017 at 07:22 PM (Raymie, ibid.)

Keep in mind that English language music played in Latin America does not always follow the charts and lists from the US or other English speaking countries, and the format definitions are obviously different. Going way back, there's a fact that demonstrates this clearly: Credence Clearwater Revival sold more records and got much more airplay across Latin America than the Beatles. So it should come as no surprise that there are formats of English language music that just don't fit US descriptors (David Eduardo [Gleason], La Quinta CA, March 21, ibid.)

Quote Originally Posted by Raymie ``They also had quite the launch party in LeÛn for it. I never thought FÛrmula would be up to this...``

Not as big a surprise as you might think! Rogerio Azc·rraga, the owner of Radio FÛrmula, personally managed A&R for his record label, OrfeÛn, which in the 60's was one of the pioneer promoters of local pop/rock in its early years in Mexico. Rogerio also owned XEDF, "La DF" on 970 AM which was one of the big three Top 40 stations in Mexico City along with Radio …xitos 790 and Radio Mil on 1000 (XERC and XEOY). (David Eduardo [Gleason], CA, ibid.)

That is true. But in more recent years, Radio FÛrmula had no music-heavy stations. This was especially true of their stations outside of Mexico City which they bought to extend RF's program reach. I mean...the last time they had this much music on a station was maybe XEDF-FM "Radio Uno" (grupera) in the 90s? (Raymie, ibid.)

That was the last of the music operations up until now. I am wondering if Rogelio is sensing saturation in talk programming and looking for lower cost, less politically sensitive programming. If AMLO should win next year... as the polls indicate... we may see a radical swing towards more regulation.

When he was doing music formats, he was very passionate about them... at one point I was discussing managing his FMs in Mexico City and he saw them as the future of radio; that was in the mid-70's when FM still had very low shares (David Eduardo, CA, March 22, ibid.)

The multiprogramming train stopped by the IFT on March 8...

http://www.ift.org.mx/conocenos/pleno/sesiones/x-ordinaria-del-pleno-8-de-marzo-de-2017

TELEVISA and locals

XHSLV
XHLPB
XHQRO

AZTECA

4 stations (presumably a+)
a+ in Mexico City (XHIMT)

DENIED!

XHAS

There were also new station awards:

Comunidad IndÌgena Mixteca de San Pedro Tututepec, social indigenous FM (Oaxaca)
RCBC ComunicaciÛn, A.C., social community FM (Taxco, Iguala and Buenavista de CuÈllar, Gro.) This station will probably be located in the latter as RCBC stands for Radio Comunitaria de Buenavista de CuÈllar. Has previously operated as a pirate on 97.7 MHz.
Universidad AutÛnoma de QuerÈtaro, public TV (QuerÈtaro)
(Raymie, March 22, ibid.)

One more item, from the INE...

We now know the locations of some additional Imagen TV transmitters...
http://www.ine.mx/archivos2/portal/historico/contenido/recursos/IFE-v2/DEPPP/DEPPP-ComiteRadioTelevision/DEPPP-ComiteRadioTV-Sesiones/2017/ORD_25enero/crt-1so-2017-01-25-p6-a1.pdf

Aguascalientes: Cerro de los Gallos (probably shared with the SPR)
LeÛn: Cerro Gordo (SPR, not MVS which is elsewhere)
SHADOW Melchor Ocampo Edomex: Guadalupe and Oxtoc, Tultepec, Edomex (19 41'43.27", -99 08'13.24"). There is a massive telecom tower but no broadcast equipment at the site indicated. This is a newly discovered shadow (and an important one given all the coverage complaints from Edomex viewers when Imagen TV started up!).
Tijuana: This tower
https://www.google.com/maps/place/32%C2%B030'28.4%22N+117%C2%B002'19.2%22W/@32.5080994,-117.0393156,3a,30.6y,105.92h,140.09t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1sagb42rRILZs-2Qu29e-i5A!2e0!6s%2F%2Fgeo0.ggpht.com%2Fcbk%3Fpanoid%3Dagb42rRILZs-2Qu29e-

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Tuxtla GutiÈrrez: Cerro Mactumactza (probably shared with the SPR)

Uruapan: Cerro de la Cruz (shared with the SPR; speaking of XHOPUM, there have been some changes in its technical parameters http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/45013_170310012157_9654.pdf consisting of moving the SPR antenna up 10 meters and changing the beam tilt to -8 degrees!)

Veracruz Puerto: XHQRV-FM tower, Calle JimÈnez (former UltravisiÛn offices)

I suspected Aguascalientes, Tuxtla and Uruapan were on SPR sites, especially Uruapan. The first two had similar coverage maps to the SPR transmitters. Tijuana was specified anyway but it's nice to see it here. I also suspected Imagen would use its own tower in Veracruz. Melchor Ocampo is a nice surprise.

Not seen yet anywhere: La Paz, Chilpancingo. I don't think either is on air. Tepic is mentioned in the context that in January when the document came out, they were working hard to get it to air because Nayarit has gubernatorial elections this year.

Este programa es p˙blico, ajeno a cualquier partido polÌtico. Queda prohibido el uso para fines distintos a los establecidos en el programa [tagline] (Raymie Humbert, AZ, March 23, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. MONG”LIA, 12035, Voz da MongÛlia, Khonkhor, 0951-1057* (fecho abrupto, no fim do programa em japonÍs), 15/3, mongol, canÁıes, texto; ‡s 1000, sinal de ID e ID em mongol e mandarim; ‡s 1030, sinal de ID e ID em mongol e japonÍs; 35433, em perda r·pida. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, SW coast of PORTUGAL, March 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5985, Myanmar R., Mar 16 1328-1340, 33433, Burmese, SJ and Gongs at 1329, News.

5985, Myanmar R., Mar 19 1325-1335, 33443, Burmese, Music and news, SJ at 1328, Gongs at 1329 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. CANADA BCN Great Eastern

One of the participants in "The Great Eastern," which aired on CBC and RCI during the 1990s, has passed away: http://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/art-and-architecture/gerry-porter-was-a-versatile-essential-part-of-the-st-johns-arts-community/article33420029/

Porter's web site hosts archives of The Great Eastern at:
http://www.gporter.net/great/index.php
(Mike Cooper, GA, Mar 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 5995, Thu March 16 at 1302, RNZI on new frequency, ex-7355, good S9+10 shortly after sunrise here, but will deteriorate quicker than 7355 did --- which is still on their schedule for Saturdays only, why? Pacific news now about PNG, Vanuatu, where telephony went out and they had to call in an Australian expert to fix it.

5995, March 17 at 1323, RNZI still audible fairly on a Friday, in Dateline Pacific item about TONGA ñ possible closure or privatization of state broadcaster TBC. Then I find the whole story:
http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/programmes/datelinepacific/audio/201836918/tonga-pm-threatens-state-broadcaster-with-closure
24 hours later, on Saturdays only, RNZI is scheduled to be back on 7355.

5995, Saturday March 18 at *1259, RNZI sign on with Bell Bird, good signal at first; having just announced on poor 9700 that we should retune to 5995. So contrary to their own website schedule I quoted earlier and on WORLD OF RADIO 1869, they are NOT using 7355 still after 1300 on Saturdays only. So now I have another look at
http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/listen
UT Sat March 18 at 1938 and it now has been corrected/changed to show:
12:59 - 17:58 5995 AM Pacific Sat
12:59 - 16:50 5995 AM Pacific Sun-Fri

RNZ news item at 1306 is another story about threats to the Tonga Broadcasting Commission (A3Z 1017 kHz + and FM network, including RNZI relays). Here are two more on the website since the last one I linked:

http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/326712/pacific-watchdog-says-pohiva-should-remember-roots
http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/326754/tongan-noble-says-pm-plans-are-unconstitutional
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Full summer [sic] A-17 schedule of Radio New Zealand Int from March 26 is:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/weakfair-signal-of-radio-new-zealand.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio New Zealand International A17 === 26 Mar 2017 - 28 Oct 2017

UTC	kHZ		TARGET DAYS
0459 - 0658	11725	AM	Pacific Daily

0659 - 1058 7425 AM Pacific Daily
1059 - 1258 7425 AM NW Pacific, PNG Daily
1259 - 1758 5995 AM Pacific Sat
1259 - 1650 5995 AM Pacific Sun - Fri
1651 - 1745 5975 DRM Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga Sun - Fri
1746 - 1835 7285 DRM Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga Sun - Fri
1836 - 1950 9760 DRM Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga Sun - Fri
1859 - 1958 9700 AM Pacific Sat
1951 - 2050 11690 DRM Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga Sun - Fri
1959 - 2058 11725 AM Pacific Sat
2051 - 2258 13840 AM Pacific Daily
2259 - 0458 15720 AM Pacific Daily

Submit reception reports at :
http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/qsl/new
(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, March 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

Note: NZ goes off DST one week later, which will change domestic relay program times one hour earlier, if not frequency times (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 7254.95, V. of Nigeria, Mar 15 0644-0702, 35333, Hausa and French, Nigeria pop and talk, Drums IS from 0657, 0659 Opening announce, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. U.K.(non), Summer A-17 changes of clandestine broadcasts via BaBcoCk --- Radio Dandal Kura International
0500-0600 NF 5960 ASC 250 kW / 070 deg to WeAf Kanuri, ex 7415 A16
0600-0700 on 7415 ASC 250 kW / 070 deg to WeAf Kanuri, ex 0500-0700
0700-0800 NF 13810 WOF 250 kW / 165 deg to WeAf Kanuri, ex 15480 A16
1800-2100 on 12050 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WeAf Kanuri, same QRG A16
(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. CRYSTAL SHIP: 3425/AM, TCS Shortwave right at the noise level. It came on around 0015 or so & starting to 'peak up' a bit at 0024. The best I can do for details is to say that at 0029 they played a 'familiar' pop tune Power of Love/Hewey [sic] Lewis? maybe? It is that lost in the mud/distortion. Peaking a bit at 0043 with Walk Like an Egyptian/Bangles. 2+3531+ weak, in the noise floor of my local QRM & distorted to boot. In & out of the noise the whole time, 0015-0045. 13/Mar, HQ-150 + randomwire (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 17 March via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

3425, PIRATE, Crystal Ship, 0047, 3/13/17. Listening to barely audible music since 0029, then in defiance of all the rules of radio, the signal came up with the end of a song, 0048 series of IDís, then sank back into being barely audible (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin,

Perseus, SDRPlay, RTL2832 V3 dongle for SDRís; E1, Satellit 800, PL 660, and various other portables for physical radios; 40 meters dipole, 100í long wire, Mini whip, NASWA Flashsheet March 19 via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

The Crystal Ship: 3/13/17, 0019-0207* UT, 3425 AM. S6-8 and very noisy conditions, program of 80s music from Michael Jackson, Dan Hartman, Huey Lewis, The Bangles, Kim Wilde, Duran Duran, Sammy Hagar, Ratt and Def Leppard, Juliana Montana with station IDs and email address, clips from the movie Back To The Future and TCS promos for new items available for sale such as coffee mugs and t-shirts (Joe Filipkowski, JR, Warwick, Rhode Island, Grundig 750/ICOM IC7200/Kenwood TS450/RTLSDR/SDRPlay1&2, w/SDRuno/Studio One/Yaesu FTDX3000/Tecsun PL880, Dipole antenna up 35 feet into MFJ 1020C active antenna/MFJ Versa Tuner 2, Slinky antenna up 20 feet, 40m dipole/160-6m Carolina Windom antenna up 40 feet, 135 foot All Band dipole antenna up 45 feet, Free Radio Weekly via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 4065, PIRATE, Sloppy Joe Radio, 0028, 3/19/17. The ìMashed Potato,î off. ID from HF Underground. Good signal (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, SDRPlay, RTL2832 V3 dongle for SDRís; E1, Satellit 800, PL 660, and various other portables for physical radios; 40 meters dipole, 100í long wire, Mini whip, NASWA Flashsheet March 19 via DXLD)

SLOPPY JOE RADIO: 4065/USB, 0021-0029:28*, 19-Mar; Adam Sandler novelty tune Sloppy Joe. 0026:41 ìSloppy Joe Radio testingî AND gave e-mail sloppyjoepirate@gmail.com, into Mashed Potatoes & off. SIO=4+54. May have been in DSB, but USB MUCH better.
Report sent ELT 3/18. (Frodge-MI)

WHYP: 4065/USB; 2349-2356+, 19-Mar; Hard rock tunes; 2355 ID by James Brownyard, ìWHYP AM & WHYP FMî. SIO=454 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE-NA. Pee Wee, 6945 USB, 0143-0154, 3-12-17, SIO: 343. Tunes by Golden Earring, The Ventures, SSTV ID image and CW ID at close, no spoken ID noted (Chris Lobdell, Tewksbury, MA USA, Receiver: Eton E1, Aerial: G5RV Dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950.0-USB, UT Sat March 18 at 0214, strong pirate here, with dense hard rock music, S9+10, which is much stronger than all three WBCQs, but they are all BSing now anyway. Some seguÈs but 0214 ID as WHYP, and anti-drug bit, ``stay away from drugs`` and other phrases over and over, ``Super-bad``, mixing with music, another ID as WHYP-FM. 0241 another WHYP ID inserted. 0244 sounds like George Zeller proclaiming that it`s the ``worst station on shortwave --- so bad it

was axually entertaining``. Clip from a speech, edited so he repeats himself a few times, and off*. Many more logs of it here: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,33467.0.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6945-USB, March 18 at 2350, ``Shake, Rattle & Roll``, S9+10, and 2354 Wolverine Radio ID as anticipated. Still rocking S9+20 at 0022 March 19. Which word is the theme this time? ``Shake``, per a bi-dozen other logs here: https://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,33512.0.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 7615, YHWH, 0248, March 19. Yet another day on his favorite frequency; very poor, but unmistakably him; an abbreviated broadcast today, as found off the air by 0353; never readable; his location now certainly must be out of Calif. (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7615, March 21 at 0239, very poor signal here, barely recognizable as Station YHWH. Only frequency he has been reported on lately. Gone by 0320 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

YHWH: 7615, 0334, 23-Mar; Very weak, but recognize the voice (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 88.1, March 17 circa 1345 UT, KGOU via KWOU Woodward with a report about International Crystal in OKC going out of business; location is valuable historic property on Film Row: http://kgou.org/post/after-66-years-crystal-manufacturer-close-its-doors-film-row (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. PAK has made a frequency change from their previous registrations - 9835 replaces 9700. All they need now is a transmitter - or at least two would be better !!!!! 73 from (Noel Green, March 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) If it were not imaginary, would clash with Malaysia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3260, NBC Madang, 1207-1210*, March 19. Seeing as it's Sunday, was checking for the usual "Island Praise" show presented by Stacy Rose, with her syndicated (USA) show, with pop Caribbean gospel music (reggae, soca, calypso, hip hop gospel, etc.) and yes, it started at 1207 (somewhat later than usual), with her very distinctive voice; only three minutes of her show. Up till 1207, NBC with their usual local programming (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn

E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980, R. CHASKI. Marzo 20. 2325- UT. Avisos de lugares de acopio de ayuda por los aluviones, adem·s de direcciones de Iglesias Bautistas y de la direcciÛn de Red Radio Integridad. A las 2328 m˙sica instrumental y luego m˙sica coral de himnos protestantes i.e: ìPaz, cual dulce pazî. A las 2331 identificaciÛn de la emisora como: ìRed Radio Integridad, 700 AMî y comienzo del programa: Momento decisivo con la tem·tica de la suficiencia de Cristo. SINPO: 54554 con leve QRM de una emisora china en 5979 (Claudio Galaz, RX: TECSUN PL 660; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros de largo, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 15640 // 17700 // 17820, R. Pilipinas, 0318-0329*. March 19. Talk about President Duterte wanting country to change from unitary to federalism form of government, especially for Mindanao; spot for ASEAN; closing ID for "DZRP" (the only time I have heard this callsign used in an ID); choral National Anthem; tones and off. Most days now am having decent reception on all frequencies, so a nice change in propagation.

15640 // 17700 // 17820, R. Pilipinas, 0200, March 21. Started with choral National Anthem; time & ID.

A new message I have never heard before: Radyo ng Bayan, along with PTV, are to be integrated into the new Peopleís Broadcasting Corporation (PBC), which should not be confused with the existing PBS (Philippine Broadcasting Service). Online I found "Among the goals of Radyo ng Bayan is to launch 30 new provincial stations in two years, reinforce its news and current affairs, and expand coverage of news reporting."

0204 - ìFrom the presidential palace in Manila, Dateline MalacaÒangî; President Duterte visiting Myanmar and Thailand; 17820 was off the air for some minutes about 0217, but came back on later; all mostly fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 9480, March 21 at 0319, S9+30 in stilted Spanish, what`s this? Soon ID as RRI in strange propagation favoring SE Europe over even Cuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Summer A-17 new frequencies of Radio Romania International from March 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-radio.html
(DX RE MIX NEWS #999 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 20, 2017 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. Mar 18, 7:58 AM EDT
   RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT TO INVESTIGATE US MEDIA OPERATING THERE
http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU_RUSSIA_US_MEDIA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-03-18-07-58-40

MOSCOW (AP) -- Russia`s lower house of parliament is launching an investigation into U.S. news media that operate in Russia, a move that comes amid growing suspicion in America of Russian interference.

A statement on the website of the chamber, the Duma, does not specify how the investigation would be conducted or what might be done with its results.

Deputy Konstantin Zatulin, who initiated the move, calls it "a response to the actions of American politicians who have systematically accused Russian news media of interference in U.S. internal affairs," according to the Friday statement.

The statement singles out a bill introduced this week that would give the Justice Department authority to investigate Russia`s English-language news outlet RT America for potential violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** RWANDA [non]. 15420, Saturday March 18 at 1800 tune-in, Radio Itahuka ID right away and talk in presumed Kirundi [sic, should be KinyaRwanda], only S5-S9 (but good modulation this week instead of little or no mod the last two weeks; BTW, my last week`s report said ``Saturday March 12`` but it was really March 11!) Via MADAGASCAR also aimed USward, again one of the best signals on 19m band. Recheck again just before closing, still talking at 1859 and again chopped off without any closing at 1859:55*. This takes the place of the defunct Radio Munansi for Uganda on 15240 via WWRB during same timespan (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is, looking up the new A17, a note "X.Burun" in the HFCC data... Shows once more that one should not rely uncritically on this either.

Both languages are obviously so similar that neither VOA nor BBC make a diference between them at all. VOA simply has a "Kinyarwanda / Kirundi" service, at a glance at http://www.radiyoyacuvoa.com covering events in both countries. At bbc.com "Kinyarwanda" and "Kirundi" are separate positions, but both links lead to http://www.bbc.com/gahuza

Concerning Radio Itahuka see http://www.radioitahuka.org (with a stolen Getty Images photo --- not a good idea at all when operating from Washington), in particular the "Info" page of the Facebook profile linked there (Kai Ludwig, Germany, March 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAIPAN. 1080, KCNM MP Saipan ñ Granted STA extension, U1 500/500, using 72.5 feet of aluminum tubing as an antenna at 15-09-28 N/145-43-05 W (AM Switch, NRC DX News March 27, published March 20, via DXLD)

** SAIPAN. 13685.027, MRA, RFA Laotian service, via IBB Agignan Point Marianas, S=9+20dB strong near the Laos border in remote Thai SDR (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log around 0000 - 0100 UT March 16 on remote SDR unit in Eastern Thailand, [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz], BC-DX 20 March via DXLD) Typical offness thence (gh)

** SEYCHELLES [non]. Summer A-17 of FEBA Radio via BaBcoCk Trincomalee probably will be:
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/uknon-reception-of-feba-radio-via.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIKKIM. 4835, AIR Gangtok, 1227-1235, March 19. One of their best days; recently had unusable signals, but today nicely above threshold level audio; subcontinent singing/chanting; 1230 news in English and clearly // 5040 (AIR Jeypore); items about congress and prime minister; cricket scores for India/Australia match; 1235 no longer // (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA [non]. 5850 // weaker but sufficient 11580, March 19 at 0041, R. Slovakia International via WRMI with report on veterinary care in Kosiche (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11580, USA [WRMI], Radio Slovakia International at
2100 with ìSlovakia Todayî and Martina äimkovicov· hosting ìWeekly Newsreelî retrospective the ìListenersí Tribuneî; at 2105 mailbag and music program with Gavin Shoebridge and Martina äimkovicov· ñ Very Good Mar 19 - Martina äimkovicov· has been associated with RSI for a very long time. Long time DXers and SWLs would remember her from ten to fifteen years ago with Radio Slovakia International, especially as an Insight Central Europe reporter, under her maiden name of Martina Grenova (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020.0, March 16 at 0706, carrier at S7 in splash of 5025 Cuba; presumed SIBC already, no modulation detectable, and could be dead air as recently reported for hours on 9545 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5020, S.I.B.C. at 1146, Island music, woman in Tok Pisin, 1153 Christian devotional message and prayer, 1200 woman with ìYou have been listening to the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation, Radio Hapi Isles.î, frequencies and meter bands. Closing with national

anthem. - Poor, Mar. 18 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, CommRadio CR-1a and 50 ft wire attached to Sony AN-1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9545, SIBC (presumed), 0501*, March 19. Very poor; just an open carrier; has been a while now since I last heard this above threshold level audio at this closing time.

5020, SIBC, 1145-1201*, March 19. Christian hymn; ad for mobile phone service in English; DJ in Pijin; evening devotional in English, which was cut short at 1201*; recently no extended broadcasts (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9544.998, Nearly exact at 2200 UT March 19 start of SIBC Honiara in 31 meterband regular daytime program, nice S=9 signal downunder, even 2 hours after sunrise. proper S=9 Signal. Measurement checked against standard time signal of WWVH Kinei Hawaii 10 MHz. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. SOMALIA. 7119.998, R Hargeysa, at 1530 UT on March 18, S=9+25dB signal in remote SDR unit at Doha Qatar Middle East (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Reception of South African Radio League on March 19
0800-0900 on 17760 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg to EaAf English, very weak

Summer A17 of South African Radio League SARL from April 2 will be
0800-0900 on 7205 MEY 100 kW / non-dir to SoAf English/Afrikaans Sun
0800-0900 on 17660 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg to EaAf English/Afrikaans Sun
1630-1730 on 3230 MEY 100 kW / non-dir to SoAf English/Afrikaans Mon
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/reception-of-south-african-radio-league_19.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. See LATIN AMERICA: R. PiraÒa

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non non]. 9840, WHRI, Cypress Creek SC (presumed); 2302-2315+, 20-Mar; Pre-Bro. HyStairical religihuxterage with moaning, groaning, mumbling, sobbing & non-B.S. religihuxterage all with EZL piano music; also in background was someone clapping at a tempo not vaguely close to the music; apparently someone told the clapper to quit. No B.S. S30; // 9505 via WHRI(presumed) S10 & // 9330 via WBCQ(presumed) S9 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also BULGARIA! and USAs

** SPAIN. 9690 // 15500 // 15390, March 20 at 2155, REE is frequently

announcing its new schedule effective March 26, including now:
M-F 18-22 to
West Africa/South Atlantic on 15390
South America on 17715
North America on 17855
Indian Ocean/Middle East/?? somewhere else on 15520

Sat & Sun 14-18 to
West Africa/South Atlantic on 21620
Sat & Sun 18-22 to
West Africa/South Atlantic on 15390

Sat & Sun 18-22 to
South America on 17715
North America on 17855
Indian Ocean/Middle East/?? somewhere else on 15520

Note 15520 replaces 15500, altho both have been registered for A-17.

That`s a cumbersome way to organize it, but they always do so.
Announcement not found on a fourth frequency, 11685, reminding us that
at any given time, one or even two of the four frequencies may be
AWOL. 17855 was generally very good for us all day last summer, so
let`s hope despite minimal solar activity that will yet continue
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Desde el domingo 26 de marzo 2017, Con motivo del cambio horario de
verano, Radio Exterior de EspaÒa cambia sus frecuencias de emisiÛn en
Onda Corta.
http://www.rtve.es/radio/20170316/cambio-hora-cambio-frecuencias/1444421.shtml

De lunes a viernes, entre las 18 y 22 horas, tiempo universal
coordinado, Radio Exterior de EspaÒa ofrecer· sus emisiones
en 15390 kilohercios para ¡frica Occidental y el Atl·ntico Sur.
En 17715 kilohercios para AmÈrica del Sur y el OcÈano PacÌfico.
En 17855 kilohercios para AmÈrica del Norte y Groenlandia. Y
En 15520 kilohercios para el OcÈano Õndico, Oriente Medio y Gran Sol.

Los fines de semana, para ¡frica Occidental y el Atl·ntico Sur,
entre las 14 y las 18 horas, tiempo universal coordinado, en 21620
kilohercios; y entre las 18 y las 22 horas en 15390 kilohercios.

Los s·bados y domingos, entre las 14 y las 22 horas,
en 17715 kilohercios para AmÈrica del Sur y el OcÈanos PacÌfico;
en 17855 kilohercios para AmÈrica del Norte y Groenlandia; y
en 15520 kilohercios para el OcÈano Õndico, Oriente Medio y Gran Sol.

Son los cambios de frecuencia de las emisiones de Onda Corta de Radio

Exterior de EspaÒa que entrar·n en vigor a partir del prÛximo 26 de marzo con motivo del cambio horario al de verano.

Radio Exterior de EspaÒa se puede seguir a travÈs de la radio satelital en todos los puntos del planeta las 24 horas del dÌa ininterrumpidamente:

SES Astra 1M: frecuencia 11.626,5 MHz PolarizaciÛn vertical.
Hispasat 30W-5: frecuencia 12.015 Mhz PolarizaciÛn vertical.
Asiasat 5: frecuencia 3.960 Mhz PolarizaciÛn horizontal.
Eutelsat 5WestA: frecuencia 3.727 Mhz PolarizaciÛn circular derecha
Intelsat Galaxy 23: frecuencia 4.191,35 Mhz PolarizaciÛn vertical.

Radio Exterior de EspaÒa se oye en Internet
http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio-exterior/
en streaming o en los podcast
http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/rne/radio-exterior/
de toda su programaciÛn.

Existen adem·s aplicaciones mÛviles (poner enlace para app de Apple o Android) para aplicaciones mÛviles, como telÈfonos y tabletas. Y desde cualquier municipio y provincia de EspaÒa se puede disfrutar, a travÈs de la televisiÛn, de Radio Exterior de EspaÒa por TDT.
Posted by: (JosÈ Bueno, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

``Gran Sol``?? What`s that, as a target area? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

{? backlobe ? Gran Sol es un caladero situado en el Atl·ntico Norte, entre los paralelos 48 y 60, al oeste de las Islas Britanicas, o Irlanda. ? } (BC-DX 20 March via DXLD)

Caladero is defined as: ``Zona del mar frecuentada por los barcos pesqueros por su habitual riqueza en pesca`` == hot spot for fishing (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11750. Mar 20 at 1700, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, Trincomalee-CLN, in Sinhala language. Man announcer talks, ID. Song and more songs - It¥s a musical program and man announcer talks between each song and or songs. 1715 Abrupt sign-off; 1719 Returns on-air: Man talks and a song; 1730 Abrupt sign-off and no returns until 1736. SLBC with a good signal and fair modulation, 45433. Note: What¥s the correct name to this station: SLBC only or SLBC City FM? (DXer: JosÈ Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo-PB, Brazil, Logs with my old and good Sony ICF-SW100S, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. SLBC Sri Lanka 11905 noted back after many months today.

Sked 0115-0230 Hindi. Excellent signal with old Hindi film songs -- Thanking you, Yours sincerely, Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, March 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not hearing it at *0115 for months, I assumed winter transpolar MUF was uncooperative. Now must try again (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 7315, March 22 at 0356, huge collision between WHRI and equally strong R. Tamazuj via VATICAN. WHRI usage varies, but registered available in B16 from 2300 to 1300 except for 0400-0430. Soon should be resolved, for in A17, same service via SMG moves to 9600 per HFCC, while WHRI may stay on 7315 at least until 0400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. FRANCE, Extended broadcast of Eye Radio via TDF Issoudun, March 17:
1600-1900 on 15250 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Arabic/English*, ex 16-17
*including other languages: Dinka/Nuer/Shilluk/Bari/Zande/Lutoho
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/extended-broadcast-of-eye-radio-via-tdf.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Summer [sic] A-17 of BRB Eye Radio via TDF Issoudun probably will be:
0400-0500 on 11730 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Arabic/English*
1600-1900 on 17730 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Arabic/English*
*including other languages Dinka/Nuer/Shilluk/Bari/Zande/Lutoho
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/powerful-signal-of-brb-eye-radio-via.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. 9585, TWR (Manzini) *1453-1500+ 12 March. IS/ID loop to TOH, organ theme into pretty forceful "inspirational" talk in French. TWR thumps in almost daily, now with RA no longer on 9580 (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) long path

** TAIWAN. U.K./TAIWAN, Nouvelles frÈquences de RTI --- ChËre auditrice, cher auditeur, Le service franÁais de RTI est heureux de vous confirmer les nouvelles frÈquences de diffusion de notre programme sur ondes courtes. A compter du dimanche 26 mars 2017, notre programme sera diffusÈ comme suit:

Vers l'Europe, notre diffusion est assurÈe tous les jours sur la frÈquence 3955 kHz de 19h00 a 20h00 temps universel (UT). {via Babcock Woofferton UK site}

Vers l'Afrique de l'Ouest, notre diffusion est assurÈe sur la

frÈquence 15275 kHz de 19h00 a 20h00 temps universel (UTC),
tous les dimanches. {only on Sundays}

N'hÈsitez pas a nous faire part de la qualitÈ de reception ou a r·agir sur notre programme par retour courrier ou par e-mail <fren -at-rti.org.tw>

Nous vous remercions de votre fidelitÈ et vous rÈdisons toute notre amitiÈ. Service FranÁais Radio Taiwan International (via Paul Gager-AUTRICHE, March 16, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 20 via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 9900 kHz Dushanbe Yangi Yul transmission

``Re 9900 kHz exact fq from Dushanbe TJK, 1150-1259 UT on March Saturday 11th. Instead of "Golden 80's Rewind", heard "Radio, Menschen und Geschichten" in German language, recording of Sunday February 26 in 49 mband on 6045 kHz. 1200-1202 dead air & then repeat of Radio Menschen & Geschichten program from Feb 26!``

According to Christian Milling,, the technician at Dushanbe put THE WRONG PROGRAM DVD/CD ON AIR ! wolfie (Wolfgang B¸schel, March 20, DX LISTENNG DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 13744.970, Radio Thailand English service via Band Dung Udorn Thani IBB relay site, to North America, 250 kW 006 degrees zimuth, at straight north China, Alaska, Western Canada into USA. S=9 signal on short skip zone in southern Thailand 0020 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, Log around 0000 - 0100 UT March 16 on remote SDR unit in Eastern Thailand, [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz], BC-DX 20 March via DXLD)

13744.96, R. Thailand, Mar 17 0007-0015, 45444, English, News, ID 0014
17639.96, R. Thailand, Mar 18 0536-0550, 35333, English, News, ID at 0546 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TONGA. TONGA PM THREATENS STATE BROADCASTER WITH CLOSURE
From Dateline Pacific, 6:05 am on 17 March 2017
http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/programmes/datelinepacific/audio/201836918/tonga-pm-threatens-state-broadcaster-with-closure

Tonga's Prime Minister has courted controversy with criticism of the state broadcaster. There are now fears that 'Akilisi Pohiva could move to close the Tonga Broadcasting Commission.

Koro Vaka'uta reports. Listen duration 4'?:16? Add to playlist
Noble MP Lord Fusitu'a and PM 'Akilisi Pohiva Photo: RNZI [caption]

Transcript

'Akilisi Pohiva says he is not happy with how the TBC operates and a review will be carried out over the next month. Mr Pohiva, who has long been at loggerheads with the TBC management, says the broadcaster is an obstacle and a real constraint on the work of government.

"They have become an enemy of government. They claim the freedom of media should be allowed, should be the same with any other media in Tonga but they should understand there is a basic difference between a private media and also government media. Their main role, to me, is to facilitate the work of the government."

The chair of the local Media Council says the Prime Minister must explain his comments. Pesi Fonua, who also runs the Matangi Tonga news site, says Mr Pohiva seems confused.

"It's almost like referring that whatever government has said Tonga Broadcasting Commission is supposed to be supporting it and saying all the campaigning types of approach. He seems to have a misunderstanding of what public broadcasters are supposed to be doing."

The regional watchdog Pacific Freedom Forum says the Prime Minister's stance doesn't fit his history of democratic activism. Mr Pohiva is a long time leader of the democratic movement in Tonga and has run a local newspaper. PFF Chair Monica Miller says it is not the job of any news media to support the government of the day, but to represent the public and their interests. Ms Miller says the current government should remember its roots.

"'Akilisi Pohiva was this crusading newspaper editor speaking out for freedom of information and speaking out for the people's right to know, freedom of expression. So for him to say these things, doesn't sound like the 'Akilisi we know."

But Pesi Fonua says the statements are actually typical of Mr Pohiva's approach. Last month Mr Pohiva faced a vote of no-confidence in parliament which accused him, among other things, of trying to illegally dismiss civil servants who disagreed with him. Lord Fusitu'a is a Noble Representative who voted against the Prime Minister.

"One of the ground of the vote of no confidence was that particular staff within the Tonga Broadcasting Commission, were not just put in fear of their jobs by implication, they were actually called in and held to account for their coverage of this administration. So there have been tangible concrete overtures and threats on their employment."

The motion was defeated which appears to have emboldened the Prime Minister further. He says the result of the vote shows no one believed the claims. Lord Fusitu'a says even if Mr Pohiva's comments are just talk, it is concerning that the head of government would contemplate and verbalise shutting down a media organisation because he doesn't agree with what it is doing. He says shutting down the TBC would be in breach of the constitution. He also says there is a Tonga Broadcasting Act which would need to be revoked which would have far-reaching ramifications.

"The very basis of any Westminster democracy is the rule of law and once you chip away at freedom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom of the press, you are chipping away at the rule of law which ends up, in most cases, disregard to the rule of law. Which is extremely destructive to any democracy of any sort."

But 'Akilisi Pohiva says the TBC has also been running at a loss for years and suggests privatisation is the way forward.

"We can advertise whoever wants to do the work, to provide great services to the public, let them apply for it and we will find out who is most suitable, who is most appropriate to do the work."

However the PFF's Monica Miller says privatisation has traditionally negatively impacted the media due to a resulting lack of resources. TBC's management was not available for comment other than to say they had heard nothing official of the Prime Minister's plans (via DXLD)

REGIONAL MEDIA GROUPS CALLS FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF TONGAíS NATIONAL BROADCASTER

The Pacific Freedom Forum is calling on the Government in the Kingdom of Tonga to seek independent review before privatising or shutting down the national broadcaster.

ìThreatening to shut down the Tonga Broadcasting Commission sends the wrong messageî, says PFF Chair and veteran journalist Monica Miller.

ìAs a former pro-democracy reform movement, the current government should remember its roots.î

PFF says it is calling for Prime Minister Akilisi Pohiva to seek an independent review from regional and international media, into allegations that commission staff are biased against his administration.

ìMr Pohiva could very well be right to allege there are old royalists in the TBC who act unethically in their reporting,î says Miller.

ìBut shutting down or privatising the commission is no way to prove those allegations.î

An independent review could establish what codes of ethic and conduct are in place to prevent unethical reporting ñ and what mechanisms are in place to protect the tax-funded broadcasting commission, says Miller.

ìIt is not the job of any news media to support the government of the day, but to represent the public - and they must be ethical when reporting criticism.î

Fair or not, criticism is essential to a free flow of debate in any democracy, and is guaranteed under the constitution of Tonga, as well as the countryís membership of the United Nations.

ìAt a time when Australia has abandoned its responsibilities to the region by cutting shortwave, it sends the wrong message for Pacific leaders to be threatening their own information services.î

Miller says the Prime Minister Akilisi Pohiva was famous in opposition for asserting his right to freedom of expression despite legal threats, imprisonment and censorship.

Pohiva needs to rediscover that spirit of free speech, and a free press, guaranteed under the constitution, she says, and not let criticism affect proper governance.

It was reported earlier this week that PM Pohiva is considering legislation that would close down or sell off TBC.

Pohiva claims the national broadcaster is not being supportive of the government. LoopTonga

Read more:
http://news.pngfacts.com/2017/03/regional-media-groups-calls-for.html
(via Artie Bigley, March 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** TUNISIA. New very recent SV imagery (2016/7) of the Sfax TX site showing the SW curtain arrays, MW masts & TX building.
https://goo.gl/maps/5XgYRg5vt3T2
:-) (Ian, March 20, shortwavesites yg via DXLD) No SW active now (gh)

** TURKEY [and non]. 15350, March 19 at 1353, TRT in Turkish, sure sounds commercial with an ad for T¸rk-Com (?) and another one, S9 with flutter, better than 12035 English at S9-S6 with splatter from WEWN, grrr. Similar signal on 15380 from Saudi Arabia, but Turkey off by

1358 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE SET FOR MEDIA BOOST IN NEW LAW
http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-39302909
(via Gerald T Pollard, NC, March 18, DXLD)

** UKRAINE [non]. 11580, Wed March 22 at 1336, RUI via WRMI with war stats for March 15, so a week-old show, i.e. 106 Russian attacks on eastern Ukraine, resulting in injuries to 7 Ukrainian soldiers (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S S R. 30 years ago, the Voice of America stopped jamming in the USSR [or rather, stopped being jammed!]. This year, "jamming" will be used in schools. A brief history of "noise wheels"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5knJIrkilqI
(Dmitry Elagin, Saratov, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via Rus-DX 19 March via DXLD)

** U K. Test broadcast of BaBcoCk Woofferton, March 16
1122-1152 on 9635 WOF 250 kW / unknown to Af, very strong
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/test-broadcast-of-babcock-woofferton.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Rather, test of the technician on Woofferton transmitter and feed to antenna check test, later the day IBRA via Babcock FMO 1730-1900 UT on this 9635 kHz in Bera and Fur Arabic, 250kW 140 degrees. 73 wb
(Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** U K [and non]. SUMMER A-17 NEW FREQUENCIES OF BABCOCK RELAYS
effective from March 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-babcock.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. SUMMER A-17 NEW FREQUENCIES OF BBC FROM MARCH 26
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-bbc-from.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. SPRING SCHEDULE CHANGES AT BBC WORLD SERVICE
Radio Today 20 March 2017
http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2017/bbc-world-service-spring-schedule

BBC World Service is rolling out a new schedule, moving Outside Source to afternoons and merging it with World [no comma] Have Your Say.

The new show, BBC OS, will be a two-hour programme from 3 till 5 pm GMT [15-17 UT], and continue to be hosted by Nuala McGovern from the middle of the BBC newsroom in London.

New culture series In the Studio will give access to the worldís leading creative people in the process of making their art and work a reality, and The Newsroom will increase its coverage of key stories with up to six broadcasts a day.

Launching in April is Life Stories ñ a new season exploring stories about who we are and how we live. BBC World Service is also rolling out a new product launch with BBC Minute OnÖ ñ additional 60-second programmes which will explore a single subject in greater detail and be available to partner stations around the world.

Mary Hockaday, Controller of BBC World Service English, said: ìThis Spring weëll be rolling out an enriched schedule with strengthened news programmes, a brand new culture series shedding light on how the worldís leading creative people work, think and develop, and a new season of programmes delving into a diverse range of intriguing human stories. Making the most of the funding boost we received last year, the new schedule will bring our global audience a richer mix of programmes and digital content to keep them up to speed with the key stories of the day and satisfy their interest in a broad array of topics.î Posted by: (Mike Terry, March 20, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

Mary Hockaday, Controller, BBC World Service English
Date: 20.03.2017 Last updated: 20.03.2017 at 14.34

BBC World Serviceís new Spring schedule rolls out from the end of March, continuing to reflect the funding boost received last year with strengthened original journalism, a fresh approach to arts programming and the launch of a new season of programmes exploring a varied collection of human stories.

* In the Studio will take listeners into the working lives of leading and emerging artists from across the globe. Each week the series will follow painters, designers, musicians, dancers, directors and creatives of all types as they make their work. The series launches with Chinese artist, activist and architect Ai Weiwei, who will take Tim Marlow (Artistic Director of the Royal Academy) on a tour of his Berlin studio, revealing Ai Weiweiës creative process and the details that continue to inspire and drive his work. Subsequent episodes will go on set with rock-star cinematographer Christopher Doyle as he directs a movie in Hong Kong; and meet Brazilian visual artist Vik Muniz, who creates images photographed from helicopters and microscopes. The series will continue throughout the year, spending time with actors, game designers, artistic directors and many more.

* BBC OS will bring together the best of Outside Source and World Have Your Say, building on both programmesë strengths and including

new elements that give a vibrant account of the dayís events with explanation and reaction from those involved. Showcasing the best of the BBCís global resources, the two hour programme will be broadcast every weekday at the new time of 1500-1700 GMT, opening it up to peak audiences in Europe, Africa and America. Nuala McGovern, who has presented Outside Source since 2015, will anchor the programme across the two hours from the middle of the BBC newsroom in London.

* The Newsroom - From 1 May, The Newsroom - where the BBC's worldwide network of correspondents report on the stories of the day - will enhance its coverage with up to six editions across the day, seven days a week. The Newsroom will be able to adapt rapidly to breaking stories and events whenever they happen.

* Life Stories - April will see the launch of Life Stories ñ a new season of content across BBC World Service, BBC World News and digital platforms exploring a diverse range of stories - from celebrating the birthday of one of the oldest women in Africa to uncovering differing attitudes to death, companionship and rites of passage around the world. Celebrating Life at 117 (TV and radio) follows a trainee journalist as she travels to Kenya to celebrate the 117th birthday of her great grandmother who is thought to be the oldest woman in Africa.

#GrannyWisdom will see some of the worldís top social media stars find out what their grandmothers think about their online lives and the issues they deal with in the digital world; this content will be shared online and on BBC World Service radio.

Living With The Dead (TV and radio) will look at an Indonesian community who live with the bodies of their loved ones, while

Dying To Talk (radio) will visit the Death Cafes popping up worldwide encouraging people to talk about grief and fear of death.

A Strangerís Ear (radio) will head to Japan where a man has set up a network of temporary friends ñ people who lend a sympathetic ear to a stranger in need.

Four Days (TV and radio) will look at the impact of the practice in Nepal of confining women away from the family during their period. Last year a 15 year-old girl died, suffocated by a fire she lit in the hut where she was staying during menstruation.

The season will also see BBC World Service and Wellcome Collection join forces to host a series of events and broadcasts exploring humankindís relationship with animals in The Evidence: Humans And Animals (radio). Over five programmes, presenters Claudia Hammond and Tim Cockerill will be joined by a panel of experts in front of a live

audience to discuss topics including human and animal interaction, intelligence and consciousness.

* BBC Minute On... - BBC World Service is also launching new BBC Minute products with BBC Minute OnÖ - new 60 second features that will focus on a single subject. From 3 April, in addition to the existing BBC Minute which provides a dynamic roundup of the latest news updated every half hour, there will now also be two additional BBC Minute products each day which elaborate on the key talking point of the day or explore a topic - from tech and money to fitness and science - in more detail. BBC Minute is aimed at younger audiences around the world, and is available to partner stations who broadcast them on their own stations, bringing the BBCís impartial journalism to new listeners across the globe. SS2

http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2017/bbc-world-service-spring-schedule (via Dr. Hansjoerg Biener 21 March 2017, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

** U K [non]. BBC WORLD SERVICE LAUNCHES 24HR DAB+ SERVICE IN THE NETHERLANDS Date: 13.03.2017 Last updated: 13.03.2017 at 11.43 http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2017/world-service-launches-24hr-dab-netherlands

BBC World Service English has announced the launch of a 24/7 DAB+ radio service in the Netherlands in an agreement with Broadcast Digital Networks (BDN) and Mobiele TV Nederland (MTVNL).

In a three year contract BBC World Service English will be streamed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on digital radio in the Randstad area, which covers the four largest cities in the Netherlands: Amsterdam, the Hague, Utrecht and Rotterdam. BBC World Service English is also available in the country via the internet and Hotbird satellites.

Mary Hockaday, Controller of BBC World Service English says: ìWeíre delighted to provide so many potential new listeners with access to BBC World Service via DAB. The agreement will mean we are the only dedicated English radio station available on DAB+ in the Netherlands. At a time of huge global change Iím delighted to invite listeners to tune in to our mix of international news, global debate, human stories, plus arts, science, history and music programming.î

Ronald Haanstra, CEO MTVNL, says: ìMTVNL is proud to welcome BBC World Service Radio in The Netherlands. Iím sure that Dutch radio listeners will welcome and enjoy BBC World Service via DAB+, considering English is the second language in the Netherlands and we like to be well informedî (via Dr. Hansjoerg Biener 16 March 2017 DXLD)

** U S A. 13565, March 17 at 1418, K6FRC CW beacon ID is JBA vs CODAR.

What about all the other beacons listed on the 13550-13570 band; are they really ever active??

http://www.lwca.org/sitepage/part15/index.htm
Apparently yes, as all seem to have logs for 2016 or 2017. The only ones I ever hear are GNK, MTI and K6FRC.

The only 13 MHz one on this long list (sort by frequency):
http://www.on5ex.be/clipboard_view_unreg_freq.php

is ``KV4QT 2011-02-14 15:30:00 13557.540 HiFER Beacon; 5wpm CW ID=MTI @ 4.30mw into indoor folded dipole. (OldRef ID#397,KI4MTI-AB3MM)``

KV4QT is not in the USVI! But per ARRL lookup:
HOGAN, WILLIAM T, KV4QT
2161 Colonial Oak Way
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

I do hear MTI from time to time, but not right now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Revised W1AW schedule now that daylight time has begun.

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Newington CT March 13, 2017 ARLB011 W1AW 2017

Spring/Summer Operating Schedule

The complete W1AW Operating Schedule may be found on page 105 in the April 2017 issue of QST or on the web at,
http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-operating-schedule
(via Paul Dobosz, MARE Tipsheet 17 March via DXLD)

** U S A. WHY OUR 24/7 RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE NETWORK WORKS - MARCH 16, 2017
https://www.bbg.gov/2017/03/15/why-our-new-247-russian-language-tv-network-works/

Man standing in front of a large screen with Current Time logo _in Russian_Roman Mamonov, host of the Current Time America TV program

Last month the Broadcasting Board of Governors celebrated the official launch of its new 24/7 Russian-language digital network Current Time. Its mission is simple and utterly vital: to provide accurate, professional, independent and unbiased news to Russian-speakers in and around Russia, and around the world.

On the air since October 2016, and formally launched in February 2017, the Current Time digital network provides fact-based news and information produced by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) with

significant contributions from Voice of America (VOA). Its feature programming covers topics such as business, entrepreneurship, civil society, culture and corruption. The network also airs both short- and long-form documentaries, including ones banned in Russia because of their political content. The most notable example is "My Friend Boris Nemtsov," an intimate portrait of the Russian opposition leader filmed months before his murder in February 2015.

In addition to its television content, Current Time deploys a sophisticated digital component, using news content to develop social media videos that have proved popular on their web and mobile platforms, reaching the growing number of people that primarily use internet for their primary source of news.

Current Time is professional, independent journalism for those looking to broaden their choices in a media space where Kremlin-controlled disinformation is endemic and growing.

But while we celebrate the accomplishment of launching a 24/7 Russian-language digital network, Current Time is one example of what we do every day, around the world, in places where media freedom and access to truth remains a challenge.

The need for free, trustworthy information is not unique to Russia. In places like Iran, Cuba, China and ISIS-controlled areas, the battle to ensure access to credible news and information is ongoing. In these battlefields, where fake news and false narratives are often the weapons of choice, the BBG arms audiences with accurate, balanced, unbiased and uncensored, fact-based journalism.

Current Time serves as a model for how BBG networks can operate, with enhanced cooperation, to maximize the agility, efficiency and impact of the BBG networks and to effectively address the rapidly evolving global media environment. It is also a reflection of our core beliefs that accurate, independent, fact-based reporting is the best defense against propaganda.

Current Time is the model of what is to come in the future of U.S. international media. Stay tuned.

This is the monthly blog from the CEO and Director of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, John Lansing.
More posts can be read online here.
https://www.bbg.gov/author/jlansing/
(via Hansjoerg Biener, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. [Originally from the Defunding Public Media thread, in this issue under Tips For Rational Living abottom]

I'm curious to see what the budget cuts have in store for VOA and the other IBB outlets. Not quite sure if they still fall under State Department budgeting, which is being slashed, or are completely separate (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[later:] VOA/IBB and Trump Budget Cuts
First article I've found today dealing with VOA directly:
http://www.insidesources.com/voice-of-america-broadcasts-necessary/
(Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, March 17, ibid.) Viz.:

AS TRUMP CUTS STATE DEPT FUNDING, ARE VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS NECESSARY?

Voice of America headquarters in Washington, D.C. [caption]

News --- Posted to Politics March 16, 2017 by Erin Mundahl

When Voice of America first broadcast into western Europe, it was a light against the growing threat of Nazi expansion and declining freedom of the press around the world. That was 75 years ago. In the following decades, its radio and later television broadcasts presented western news to the Soviet bloc. Even after the fall of the Soviet Union, Voice of America broadcasts continue, bringing news about both the United States and regional countries to more than 236.6 million people in 2016. Supporters call Voice of America a success story in public diplomacy, meanwhile others question if the United States needs to support its own broadcasting station given the proliferation of the Internet.

The discussion gained additional relevance in light of President Trumpís ìAmerica Firstî budget blueprint, which significantly cut funding for the State Department, which oversees VOA. Would VOA see funding cuts?

ìAfter the cold war there were people who said: Why do we need this anymore? The cold war is over, new technology exists,î said Geoffrey Cowan, a former director of VOA during a advisory commission meeting on Thursday. ìWho needs Voice of America when we have fax machines and CNN?î

ìFax machines and CNN are great for people who live in hotels and speak English. But most people donít,î he said, answering his own question.

Voice of America is unique in that it broadcasts in 47 different local languages, providing an American perspective to regions of the world

which would not otherwise be exposed to American culture, government, politics, or news. Amanda Bennett, a Pulitzer-prize winning journalist now serving as director of Voice of America, explained that many foreign audiences have deep curiosity about the United States and trust Voice of America to provide accurate information.

ìThere is still a very deep reservoir of interest and affection for the United States that we are tapping into,î she said. Voice of America programming gives a glimpse into the American system of government and how it functions. That itself helps to promote the spread of democracy and liberty. These moments can come from programs that Americans would find commonplace. Even broadcasting the inauguration, she explained, sparked conversations in Thailand about police protecting the safety of protesters, rather than beating them.

But is soft power alone enough to justify the $224.4 million that the Broadcast Board of Governors has requested in VOAís 2017 budget? As the internet has increased access to American news around the world, some are questioning Voice of Americaís continued relevance. Bennett defends her organization by calling it a means of ìexporting the first amendmentî and taking American values to other parts of the world.

Others are less persuaded. James Glassman, former undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy, called the idea that Voice of America was anything but a part of the foreign policy apparatus ìridiculous.î

ìYou donít stop North Korea from getting a nuclear weapon through messaging,î he said. He considers supporting State Department positions one of the primary purposes of Voice of America broadcasts.

The answer cuts to a tension at the heart of Voice of Americaís mission. Voice of Americaís position as a part of the State Department is difficult to balance with its journalistic aims. Bennett and Cowan, the present and past directors, took starkly different interpretations of the goal behind Voice of America broadcasts. Was it enough to say, as Bennett does, that ìgreat journalism is great diplomacy,î or should Voice of America be promoting American government policy in its articles?

Itís a question that has become more serious as Voice of America increasingly sees itself being compared and serving as a counter to media services funded by foreign governments, such as the Russian site RT.

ìThe explosion of information flows during the 21st century has given rise to sophisticated exploitation of media by authoritarian regimes and non-state entities,î wrote the Broadcast Board of Governors, which oversees Voice of America, in its 2017 budget request to Congress.

ìWhile free media are crucial to democratic transitions, civil society and governance, they are also susceptible to abuse by powerful, non-democratic actors including Russia, ISIL and China.î

Still, since the fall of the Soviet Union, it has been difficult for Voice of America to point to a success story where its programming significantly influenced a foreign pro-democracy movement. Instead there have been only a few hints of its broader reach. A media survey by the BBC in 2015 found that 61 percent of Afghan men (women were not surveyed) had listened to Voice of America broadcasts in the last year. That percentage was still far lower than the name recognition for the BBC, however.

Few statistics exist about the success rate of Voice of America broadcasts. In the future, this could put its budget on the chopping block. Yet, for the time being, it will remain what it has been for nearly a century, a glimpse into the United States for people around the world, from North Korea to Nicaragua.

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(via Stephen Luce, dxldyg via DXLD)

"Few statistics exist about the success rate of Voice of America broadcasts." Really? Kim Andrew Elliott might have something to say about that. Kim? (-- Richard Langley, NB; P.S. Kim: E-mail me sometime, ibid.)

Hi, According to this release on BBG's Web site - https://www.bbg.gov/strategy-and-performance/budget-submissions/ - the Presidentís budget request for Fiscal Year 2017, sent to Congress on February 9, 2016, includes $777.8 million for the BBG. Included in this request are measures such as an expanded shortwave facility in Kuwait.

Please, OTH remember reformation is on the way for the organization itself following approval of the ìNational Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017,î which includes a provision to reduce the Broadcasting Board of Governorsí governing board to an advisory status while making the BBG CEO position subject to a future nomination by the president and vetting and confirmation by the U.S. Senate
http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/obama-signs-off-on-reducing-status-of-broadcasting-board-of-governors/
73 (Andy Lawendel, Italy, March 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

This is of course old stuff from the Obama days. What is overdue now are the plannings for FY 2018, starting this autumn. And so far I have not seen a single beep from BBG about this.

It are two inexperienced boys, just finished with their studies, that White House has sent to BBG as "transition officials". Now an explanation for this appears to take shape: The Trump administration considers BBG insignificant. Just like the other "soft power" stuff for which the planned budget slashings have this week been published.

Put on hold by Obama himself because unexpectedly his successor is not called Hillary. And may be of little practical relevance now.

Btw, it would be nice if developments around US international broadcasting would not only be covered by this Breitbart clone that obviously has no access to real hard facts, beyond what the disgruntled rank and file can see (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

** U S A. IN 'VOICE OF AMERICA' THE WORLD TRUSTS --- The Hill
By K. Riva Levinson, opinion contributor - 03/17/17 01:00 PM EDT
https://origin-nyi.thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/media/324482-in-voice-of-america-the-world-trusts

I am of that age where I need to replace all of my metal fillings to prevent further decay. So every Monday for the past month, I have spent two hours at the office of Dr. Tuan Tran, my dentist.

It is an unsuspecting place to get content for a piece I had been wanting to write on the 75th anniversary of Voice of America (VOA) and its future prospects in the Trump era. Just proves that storytellers are everywhere, and you have to be ready to listen.

On my last visit, after the Novocain shot but before the hygienist inserted the cotton swabs and bite guard into my mouth, Dr. Tran asked me, ìWhat have you been up to, Riva?î

I mentioned to him that I had just been on ìVoice of Americaís Straight Talk Africaî TV, part of the ìVOAís English to Africaî service. The segment was in celebration of International Womenís Day.

Then I was rendered mute by the hygienist and Dr. Tran started to reminisce, which was out of character for him.

VOA began radio broadcasting in 1942, to combat Nazi propaganda. Per its charter, it is mandated to ìserve as a consistently reliable and authoritative source of news.î Since WWII, it has been the front-edge of Americaís informational interface with citizens around the world, particularly those battling dictatorships and tyranny.

From the war in the Koreas, the workers movements in Eastern Europe, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of Soviet Union, the

democratic movements in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, VOA has been the top news source for people yearning for democracy and freedom, and it is often the first signal to be jammed by authoritarian leaders seeking to suppress access to information.

Speaking in between the rounds of drilling, Dr. Tran explained to me that he was born in 1968 and lived in Saigon, Vietnam, and that his father, Hoa, studied engineering in France. ìThat was before 1975, when the communists took over,î he pointed out.

Dr. Tran continued, ìI was only 7, but I remember my family coming to a standstill in the early evenings when it was time to tune in to the Voice of America broadcast. We were often in the company of neighbors. No one talked. We just listened, fixed on the radio.î

ìMy family immigrated to the United States in 1982 to flee the communist repression, but until the day we departed, we continued to listen to the VOA, shades drawn, in an interior room, as VOA was considered incendiary propaganda by the communists. We didnít want to be turned in.î

As he debated whether to fill my molar with composite or porcelain, Dr. Tran paused and said, ìYou know, I hadnít thought about VOA for 30 years, but I remember things like they were just yesterday.î

Dr. Tranís childhood recollections validated for me what I had witnessed myself, traveling in the developing world for the past 30 years, much of the time in Africa. The VOA brand was unrivaled, and that it was unrivaled because it represented the values of the United States.

I recall being deep in the bush of Southern Angola in the summer of 1988, it was at the height of the Angolan civil war between American-backed rebels, and the Soviet-supported government. I was positioned at a forward rebel camp, accompanied by journalists. The troops were boisterous, trading cigarettes, lining up for food, and sharing stories, then without warning, the place fell dead silent.

It startled me, almost as much as the sound of gunfire did the day before. And then I came to realize that everyone was grouping around their short-wave radios. It was time for the Portuguese-Africa VOA radio broadcast!

Earlier this month, almost three decades later, I was in West Africa, in Monrovia, Liberia, in a rented car driving to the Mamba Point Hotel. My driver turned to me, ìMadam Riva, it is time for the Voice of America broadcast. Please. Do you mind if I switch it on,î he asked apologetically.

VOA is the largest public diplomacy program of the United States government and broadcasts in more than 40 languages. Serving an estimated weekly global audience of 236.6 million, they provide news, information, and cultural programming through the Internet, mobile and social media, radio, and television. Its programming is some of the most popular in their markets, like Shaka Ssaliís ìStraight Talk Africa.î

With todayís information overload, where fake news goes viral, and real news is labeled fake, where hacks and leaks dominate our news cycle, Voice of America is an indispensable tool in our engagement with global citizens.

As President Trump considers his priorities, as he looks to beef up the U.S. military, and potentially make major cuts in diplomacy, and as the Congress reviews his 2018 budget submitted this week to Congress, they should be reminded that the fate of nations over this past decade has changed on a dime. And it was not weapons systems that fell these governments, but the power of information to mobilize a people. For good or for bad.

When you consider recent history, the sophistication of Russiaís disinformation campaign, and the online recruitment tools ISIS uses, VOAís importance is clear. President Trump should be ìdoubling downî on its broadcasts, and not considering cuts for a network that dispatches truth, hope and inspiration to some of the most volatile parts of the world. Further, he should take care to safeguard VOAís integrity, its gold-standard global media brand.

Last year, the part-time Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), which oversaw the VOA programming, and that of its other broadcasting partners, including Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia, was abolished through an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, and replaced with a full-time CEO appointed by the president. The move by the Republicans was seen as a way to streamline management but a lot of power is now concentrated in a single presidential appointment.

President Trump must ensure that this first-time CEO will have the credentials to guide the broadcasters into a new era, and permit the independence of its journalists. Further, the Republican Congress, which sponsored the amendment, including the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Ed Royce (R-Calif.), must ensure that the provision of the bill, which directs an inspector general from the State Department to ensure, ìrespect for journalistic integrity of all the broadcasters covered by this Act,î is monitored and enforced.

ìI canít believe that Donald Trump would consider cutting the budget of VOA,î said Dr. Tran as he elevated my chair so I could rinse and then reapply my lipstick to my temporarily paralyzed face.

ìAsk any political refugee from my generation who came to this country seeking freedom about their views of VOA. Ask those coming to the United States now,î he urged me. ìThey will tell you that the VOA broadcasts mattered to them. That they counted on them, like they have always counted on America.î

As I exited the office I was chased down the hall by Mila, Dr. Tranís receptionist. ìHere is your next appointment card. You still have three fillings left to replace.î

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** U S A. VOA Radiogram, 18-19 March 2017
VOA Radiogram this weekend is mostly MFSK32 (120 wpm), with one item in MFSK16 (58 wpm) in case reception conditions are difficult:
http://voaradiogram.net/post/158516798812/voa-radiogram-18-19-march-2017-digital-modes-to

Here is the lineup for VOA Radiogram, program 207, 18-19 March 2017, all in MFSK32 except where noted:
 1:46 Program preview
 2:56 Fog-clearing apparatus used at Oregon airport*
 9:52 ëBoaty McBoatfaceí submarine to embark on first mission*
16:44 MFSK16: RFE/RL photo archive from 1950s USSR
21:50 MFSK32: Images* and closing announcements
* with image(s) (Kim Elliott, March 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

Stress test: MFSK16 versus OL-8-1K in a Wave Editor

1.) as a mix, in one file, simultaneously, both modes @1500 Hz AF overlapping: 2 x 100% decoding.
2.) Finally, with additional strong (overdriven) white noise, the winner becomes clear:

MFSK16 continues to be 100% decoding, the pattern is still visible in the waterfall. OL-8-1K now with some errors in the text, at last.

MFSK-16 + Olivia-8-1000   @ 1500 Hz

Modes must be set manually, overlapping RSIDs not working:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/dmtspk178vfagrx/2017-03-11_VOA206-MFSK16-OL8-1K-White_Noise.wav?dl=1
https://www.dropbox.com/s/kcns9cazmt86mid/2017-03-11_VOA206-MFSK16-OL8-1K-White_Noise.png?dl=1

(The MFSK-16 + OLIVIA-8-1000 audio comes from the System-D stream of WRMI)

But, at another competition in the wave-editor:

MFSK-16 against MFSK-16, same data, but a delay of 100ms: 50% decoding
OL-8-1000 vs OL-8-1000, same data, again a delay 100ms: 100% decoding!

OLIVIA is thus the winner in the case of strong multipath.
MFSK16 is better at weak one-way paths.
(roger thayer, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 6020, March 21 at 0629* VOA French is chopped off in progress, as scheduled 0530-0630 M-F only via SAO TOME. SW listeners don`t get no respect as program presumably continues on FM or online; not the only such case with VOA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 5850, USA/(FL) WRMI, 3/15 [Wed], 1030. World of Radio followed by Bro Stair demonstrating why he will never make it as a lounge singer. Armchair. Logs from the picnic table (unless otherwise stated), from the backyard, using SW-2000629/ATS-505/ DX-402 with 20' wire. Times/dates in UT. Language English (unless otherwise stated). 73 and Good Listening! (Rick Barton, Arizona, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490.09, WBCQ Monticello ME (presumed); 2120-2133+, [Wed] 15-Mar; Glenn Hauserís World of Radio #1868; Vatican looking to abandon Santa Maria di Galeria site; item from Ken Zichi; BoH Goddess Irena promo into music from Hair; no ID. S10 peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1869 monitoring: confirmed Thursday March 16 at 2130 on WRMI 11580, fair and improving. Missed checking 2330 Mar 16 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB. Next:

Fri 2230	WRMI 11580 to NE, 6855? to WNW, 5950 to S
Fri 2330	WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0730	HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1530	HLR 7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v	WA0RCR 1860-AM ND

Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to SW
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1869 monitoring: missed checking Friday March 17 at 2230! Supposed to be on 11580, 6855 and 5950, but last few weeks not on 6855. If anyone noticed which were with us and which not, please report. Confirmed Fri Mar 17 at 2330 on WBCQ 9329.9-CUSB, good. Next:
Sat 0730 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1530 HLR 7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1130 HLR 9485-CUSB to SW
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO times on Hamburger Lokalradio shift one UT hour earlier from March 26: Sat 0630 on 6190, 1430 on 7265, Sun 1030 on 9485, all 1 kW CUSB at 230 degrees (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY, Poor signal of HLR relays on 6190 CUSB, March 18:
World of Radio #1869
0730-0800 on 6190 GOH 001 kW / 230 deg to CeEu Sat English

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/poor-signal-of-hlr-relays-on-6190-cusb.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6190, Hamburger LokalRadio, Gohren, 0728-0759, 18-03, English, Glenn Hauser's DX program "World of Radio". 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW-7600G, cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hallo Glenn, 2017-03-22 --- Just a quick note that WOR reception was pretty good up to S9 in compatible USB from Gˆhren this past Saturday 2017-03-18 after 0730 on 6190 kHz. However, we'll have to see how things change when "the Sun suddenly skips a notch" next weekend and DST will be upon us again, which may affect the propagation path.

On a related note, I noticed that IRRS seems to have better equipment on air on 846 kHz, the old RAI Rome QRG, since it gives better audibility now here in Central Europe (// to 1368 which has quit a bit of co-channel QRM). Unfortunately, 846 is compromized by strong splatter QRM from Spain on 855 which uses extremely wide audio bandwidth. I'll need to check whether WOR will be on this channel (or actually both) in our late evenings. If so, I'll let you know. Thanks and best regards (Tobias (T≤), Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1869 monitoring: confirmed Sat March 18 at 2230 on WBCQ, 9330v-CUSB, good. Also confirmed UT Sunday March 19 starting at 0323 on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, S9+20, as Vern introduces me, editing out most of the theme music talkover, especially the country roster. I am quite pleased by the strength of this ham radio outlet. He also inserts IDs at least every 10 minutes. Next:
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE
Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
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Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1869 monitoring: confirmed Sunday March 19 at 2330 on WBCQ, 9330v-CUSB. Also confirmed UT Monday March 20 from 0301 on Area 51 webcast, and on WBCQ 5129.8-AM, poor at 0329 before finished. Also confirmed on WRMI 9955 webcast, UT Monday March 20 at 0345, after only a JBA carrier was audible at 0330 on 9955. Also confirmed Monday March

20 at 2330 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, fair. Also confirmed UT Tuesday March 21 at 0030 on WRMI 7730, very good. Next:
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW

WORLD OF RADIO 1869 monitoring: confirmed Tuesday March 21 at 2130 on WRMI 15770, fair; JBA carrier on 6855, presumably //. Also confirmed Tue Mar 21 at 2330 on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, JBA. Also confirmed Wednesday March 22 at 1328 the 1315.5 WRMI broadcast on 9955, poor at S5-S7, and JBA // 6855, vs S9 noise level. Also confirmed Wed Mar 22 at 2100 on WBCQ 7490, fair. Also confirmed Wed Mar 22 at 2350 the 2330 broadcast on WBCQ 9330v-CUSB, good (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490.04, WBCQ Monticello ME; 2113-2130+, 22-Mar; Glenn Hauserís World of Radio #1869; 252 Ireland gets reprieve till 2019, Bro. HyStairical on new 9400 via Bulgaria 18-20, New Radio New Zealand freq is 5995 1259-1650 Sun-Fri, WRMI may use 9580 & may relay Radio Australia; WoR to 2129 to WBCQ ID spots & program notes. S9 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] WORLD OF RADIO 1870 ready for first broadcasts March 23:

CONTENT: Alaska, Albania, Australia, Brazil, Burundi non, Canada, Egypt, Eritrea/Ethiopia, Europe, France, Germany and non, India, Israel and non, Japan and non, Latin America, New Zealand, Nigeria non, North America, Philippines, Rwanda non, Spain, Tonga, UK, USA, Zanzibar

Thu 1130 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Thu 2130 WRMI 11580 to NE
Thu 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Fri 2230 WRMI 11580 to NE, 6855? to WNW, 5950 to S
Fri 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sat 0730 HLR 6190-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1530 HLR 7265-CUSB to WSW
Sat 1930v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sat 2230 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Sun 0310v WA0RCR 1860-AM ND
Sun 1030 HLR 9485-CUSB to SW [ex- 1130 expected due to MESZ]
Sun 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Mon 0300v WBCQ 5130v Area 51 to WSW
Mon 0330 WRMI 9955 to SSE

Mon 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Tue 0030 WRMI 7730 to WNW
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2130 WRMI 15770 to NE, 6855 to WNW
Tue 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
Wed 1030 WRMI 5850 to NW, 6855 to WNW
Wed 1315.5 WRMI 9955 to SSE, 6855 to WNW
Wed 2100 WBCQ 7490v to WSW
Wed 2330 WBCQ 9330v-CUSB to WSW
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. (7490), Sat March 18 at 2136, checking what WBCQ may have inserted into an available-for-specials hour this week, I bring up the webcast and hear hard rock music, ``Hit me with your best shot``. But at 2143 tuning real 7490 kHz, it`s NOT on air yet.

9330v-CUSB, March 18 at 2229, this WBCQ is on with some talk, presumably Overcomer, just before switching to ID, promo, and 2230 to WORLD OF RADIO as earlied by one hour from today, Saturdays only.

7490.067-AM, March 18 at 2230, WBCQ with J. P. Ferraro on `Shortwave Saturday Night` which has moved an hour earlier to 22-24 UT, i.e. afternoon-evening. By 2253 I find it drifted to 7490.018. He continues with a second hour, while following WOR, at 2300, 9330v-CUSB starts a filler playback of `Allan Weiner Worldwide`, from 23 hours earlier? So there, viva libertad de expresiÛn, we have a choice of pro-Trump AHW or anti-Trump JPF.

While on the third `BCQ, 5129.8-AM (NOT CUSB, Ivo!), which is now on after inaudible and presumably off at 2230, our other choice is off-the-wall belcher Timtron, too weak, but 2304 audibly `Radio Timtron Worldwide`. Instead of European Music Radio, which Tom Taylor had just publicized; mixup about time conversion??

``European Music Radio Transmissions via; WBCQ to Central & North America on 5130 KHz on 18th March between 23.00 to 00.00 UTC`` NO!

At 2314 on 7490, Allan is finishing a call from Ramsey, while on 9330, Ramsey is also on the phone, this time presumably live. He calls in a lot to live WBCQ programs where this is possible. (His own program `Furthermore 59-54`, filled again Thursday March 16 at 2330 on 7490 instead of `Broad Spectrum Radio`) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. From the Isle of Music & Uncle Bill's Melting Pot, Week of March 20-25

From the Isle of Music, Week of March 20 -25, 2017 --- This week, our

special guest Oriente LÛpez, the Musical Director of Afrocuba during much of the 1980s and now with his own excellent projects, will discuss both Afrocuba, one of Cubaís most interesting Fusion/Cuban Jazz ensembles, especially during the 1980s, and his own current projects, which are also fascinating. We will, of course, listen to some wonderful music from these ensembles.

Three opportunities to listen via shortwave:
1. For the Americas and parts of Western Europe:
WBCQ, 7490, Tuesdays 0000-0100 UT (Mondays 8-9 pm EDT in Americas)
2. For Europe and beyond, Channel 292, 6070 KHz, Fridays 1100-1200 UT (1200-1300 CET) and Saturdays 1200-1300 UT (1300-1400 CET)

Uncle Billís Melting Pot, March 23, 2017

Episode 4 of Uncle Billís Melting Pot, a musical variety program that features genres from A-Z, will air on WBCQ the Planet, 7490, Thursday, March 16 from 2300-2330 UT (7:00-7:30 pm EDT in the Americas). Brought to you by Tilford Productions, which also brings you From the Isle of Music. Uncle Bill doesnít like us to say too much, because part of the idea is to surprise you with things, but Episode 4 is especially recommended for fans of music from the Balkans and for members of the Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts (MARE). We arenít showing on the WBCQ website yet (apparently it likes surprises even more than Uncle Bill), but weíll be on the air. Check us out, and let us know what you think! Thanks for all you do for radio! promo graphics attached (Bill Tilford, March 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VORW Radio International --- Hi Glenn, I received a reply to my reception report sent to vorwinfo@gmail.com An e-QSL was attached consisting of a black & white photo of a man in a jacket and tie and the time, date and frequency details. Program schedule also included in the response below from "John." 73's, (Ed Insinger, NJ, March 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Hello Mr. Insinger, I am pleased to hear that you were able to receive this transmission of VORW Radio International on 11580 kHz. I also have a transmission on 7490 kHz via WBCQ, though that broadcast has been skipping over the Northeast and parts of the Mid Atlantic for months now (though it does provide good signals from Central Virginia to Texas), so I'll be keeping this WRMI broadcast to serve not only our European listeners, but also those who may be listening in the Northeast!

I also thank you very much for your music request; it will likely be played either in this week's show or the next.

I live in Florida at the moment so I don't get to hear WRMI very

often, though next week I'll be visiting some family in the Hudson Valley, NY so I'll be able to listen to WRMI again and even see how VORW is received first-hand!

Listed below is some information regarding this broadcast, including the broadcast schedule and means to support this program. Your QSL is attached to this email. Future reception reports are appreciated.

VORW Radio International is the official External Service of TheReportOfTheWeek, whose mission is to provide an enjoyable light entertainment program over the airwaves. Programs consist of a short lecture at the beginning, followed by a session of music, exclusively comprised of listener requested tunes.

Programs have been continuously on the air since December 22nd, 2016 though they have been on shortwave sporadically since January of 2015.

Here is the current transmission schedule:

Thursday 1000 UT - 5850, 6855 To Western North America / Eastern Asia
Thursday 2000 UT - 11580, 6855 To Europe
Friday   0000 UT - 7490 To North America

This transmission schedule is currently tentative, as transmissions to Asia are currently being re-scheduled. This program is a listener-funded initiative, financial support may be sent via Paypal to "rwobserver@gmail.com" I hope you have a nice day, John (VORW Radio) [Jurasek] (via Ed Insinger, NJ, March 20, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Re Radio Australia via WRMI, 9580 registered??

This is an interesting development. Jeff would need to reach agreement with ABC to legally relay their National programs, and probably have to pay for them. If that doesn't work out, how about doing a deal with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to relay their domestic services? CBC now offers only two programs to U.S. public radio stations (As It Happens and Q) via PRI. However, it shouldn't be that hard to access the main CBC satellite feed to get the rest. I'm sure CBC would want to be paid something. On the other hand, lacking their own high-power SW facility, this would allow them to revive the much-missed "Northern Quebec" service as a benefit to their domestic audience. 73, (Andy Robins, Kalamazoo, Michigan USA, March 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CBC already provides The Link (Online) and Tam-Tam Canada to ShortwaveService for broadcast on their low-power transmitters, I think for free. See, e.g.:
https://shortwavearchive.com/archive/radio-canada-internationals-the-link-via-

shortwave-service-1-may-2016?rq=The%20Link%20Online
(-- Richard Langley, March 16, ibid.)

The CBC should pay Jeff to air their programs, not the reverse. The CBC is probably not interested, but I'm sure Jeff can give them a fair price should they want to make their programs available to a broad audience south of the border (Jlenamon, Waco, ibid.)

The payment thing in radio is interesting. Programs like those produced by the CBC and other organizations are their intellectual property and have value. On the other hand, commercial stations like WRMI need to turn a profit. In domestic commercial radio, programmers usually must buy time to get on the air. Curiously, in noncommercial radio it is the station that pays, not the other way around. The CBC, a noncommercial entity, charges public radio stations in the U.S. that carry its programs via the PRI distribution system (my station carries As It Happens in the evening Monday through Friday).

When I was in commercial radio, admittedly a very long time ago, stations either paid NBC, CBS, ABC, and Mutual for their newscasts and other programs or surrendered local airtime for national advertising in exchange (usually the latter, which is payment through foregone revenue). But the same networks paid stations to carry their TV programs, at least at that time.

It may be that the direction money flows in radio depends on who is asking. If the program producer is asking, they pay; if the station wants a show, it does.

The chances of the CBC reviving its high-power domestic SW service using WRMI or some other station are slim. The strongest argument for buying time on WRMI is that it would help people in remote areas of Canada. Service to U.S. listeners would just be a welcome byproduct, as was the case with the old Northern Quebec Service on 9625 kHz via Sackville. Thus, paying the U.S. station could be more palatable to the money people. Maybe. I doubt that a similar argument could be successfully made for relaying the Australian Broadcasting Corporation - wonderful as that would be - since ABC has made it crystal clear that it has no interest in serving people outside the Pacific region, and has decided that shortwave is no longer a viable medium for anything. At least the CBC still has one, albeit low-power, SW station. 73, (Andy Robins, Kalamazoo, Michigan USA, March 17, ibid.)

** U S A. 6855 // stronger 7730 // strongest 5850, Thursday March 16 at 0700, WRMI opening `Jazz for the Asking` hosted by Keith Perron. The website http://www.pcjmedia.com dated March 8 now says:

``Stay tuned - We are rebuilding - PCJ Radio International twice

weekly North American broadcasts --- We are rebuilding PCJ Media with an entirely new look for 2017 - In the meantime, Catch PCJ Radio International twice weekly to North America.

Wednesday - 0100 UT on 11580
Friday - 2200 UT on 9955``

So still overlooking the additional WRMI broadcasts I have already pointed out, notably this one, which on the WRMI grid still mistakenly Friday instead of Thursday, is labeled `Media Network Plus`, but all of them ought to be labeled PCJ, as one never knows exactly which PCJ program will be contained. The JFTA page http://www.pcjmedia.com/jfta does not mention carriage on WRMI or any SW station.

11580, March 16 at 1312, WRMI playing `Viva Miami` episode in Spanish with ThaÔs & Jeff discussing HFCC visit to Jordania. This is a secret airing, Thu at 1300, since the skedgrid shows nothing but World Music. I`ll add it to DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS.

15770, March 17 at 1403, no signal from WRMI. #3 transmitter is now supposed to run 12-22 UT, nothing but BS except other programming for final hour.

15770, March 17 at 2056, this WRMI is still AWOL, as it was circa 1400. With 14 transmitters, at least one is likely to be down at any given time, either necessarily or for rotating preventive maintenance. OTOH, current sked has lots of blank time rather than 24/7 on most of them.

9395, UT Sat Mar 18 at 0154, gospel huxter other than Bob Biermann or Brother HyStairical, as seems to be regular during this hour, but nothing on the website to ID it, so I force myself to listen a while, and to compare it to 9955 which is free of jamming now. Sounds like the same guy, but NOT //, not even when I switch back and forth twice a minute in case they are // but out of synch playbacks.

At first, 9955 sounds anti-Catholic, while 9395 is anti-government. I listen more to 9395: into soul music, ``Keep Your Eyes on the Prize`` as he talks along with it, phone 856-775-1176 definitely copied, and mentions ``Key of David``; also Yahweh, maybe Messianic black cult? While this music is on, no music on 9955. At 0159.5 both cut to ``WNYW`` style WRMI canned ID, and continue their separate ways from 0200, 9395 with Bob Biermann IDs and Oldies music, 9955 into Spanish Radio Praga. Let`s look up what`s on 9955 until 0200 UT Sat: from 0130 `Evangelical Holiness`. Not explained on the WRMI Programming page. Searching on that plus WRMI leads Google ONLY to 3 versions of my own previous logs of it this year!

Top hit on the phone number is tech support at ClassicRedneckRadio.com

which is promising, since it`s about radio, but don`t see anything about SWBC. Maybe it`s merely a sponsor on whatever program this is (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing on 15770 kHz at 18 UT (March 17, Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15770, March 18 at 1834, WRMIBS is back on the air after absence yesterday, usual poor signal off the side here; oops! dumps off the air at 1837*, so still having problems.

Before then I noticed that there was some crackling as heard on AM, and quick carrier cuts or shifts as I listened with BFO, comparing it to much stronger 15710 WHRIBS, where the same thing was happening but much more severely. You risk ruining your transmitters by plugging in that horrible quality feed from Walterboro, and here I am just speaking technically. My receiver? Not happening on other nearby signals like 15500 & 15390 Spain.

9395, March 18 at 1847, Oldies on WRMI is just too weak at S3 to enjoy the music, Blue Velvet at the moment, interspersed with Bob Biermann announcements. Should put this on 13 MHz daytime for better coverage further if not closer. Maybe 9395 is stronger at prime single hop skip distance from Okee halfway to here, like the Tennesseeans on 9 MHz.

11580, 2306 March 18, has ThaÔs in Spanish, no doubt `Viva Miami`, and 6855 is not // either with some otherlanguage music.

6855, UT Sunday March 19 at 0021, WRMI with ``Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer``, and soon ``Xmas Radio`` jingle, then ``Winter Wonderland``. So here`s Xmas Radio at another unscheduled time on this frequency only, still listed at 00-01 UT Mondays only. We still wonder if they are ever playing anything sacred, but am not about to keep listening to find out.

5850 // 7730, UT Sunday March 19 at 0636, WRMIs are in Russian, during `Radio Panorama` DX program, playing clip of Ekho Moskviy, which is having to get rid of American investors, also talking about Radio Svoboda. I wonder just what the political stance of this program is? 6855 is not //, with music. I wonder how well the two frequencies get into Moskva, neither aimed that way.

9395, Sunday March 19 at 1307, yet another time for `Wavescan`, as any schedule info for this frequency is still lacking. Ray Robinson finishing a script about YSS+S. Most of rest of show has Jeff talking with a guy from WWCR about HFCC A-17 on the Dead Sea in Jordan. Next one for B-17 will be late August hosted by SENTECH in South Africa; and A-18 late January in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Also plugged next

NASB meeting, May 17-20, which is open to SWL guests, unlike HFCC, hosted by KVOH Simi Valley, first one on the west coast. More info at http://www.shortwave.org
which opens with a KNLS/MWV slideshow but linx to
http://www.shortwave.org/index.php/annual-meeting-info/
1329 back to Oldies music.

9395, Sunday March 20 at 2325, this WRMI is playing end of `Wavescan`, same episode from 2300 as on 9395 earlier today after 1300. Two more to be added to the DX/SWL/MEDIA PROGRAMS schedule (but will they stick, week after week, without any published schedule?)

6855, Sunday March 19 at 2328, `In Christ We Live` seems to be program title, at closing? No full schedule for this frequency, nor is it shown on any other frequency at this or any time, but it is one of the shows listed on WRMI`s Programming page, as from Niagara Falls NY/St David`s Ont., without any time details (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5850 & 7730, Monday March 20 around 0630, jazz music with drumming, audience. Not `Jazz from the Left`, but now on sked for UT Monday 06-07 is something called `Teachers Corner`. (6855 is not // but Qur`an instead). It is found on the 9955 schedule for Monday 21-22, already replacing `Noches con Mirka`, but she remains on Wed & Fri during that hour. `Teachers Corner` is now also listed for Mon 21-22 on 15770, Mon 22-23 on 5950 (which is usually also on 11580, 6855?)

But what is it really about? Not jazz music, it seems, so maybe what I heard was not really it? There is this long writeup about it at the bottom of the Programming page, probably meaning it`s the latest addition:

``ìTeachers Cornerî actually started for me in 1975. No kidding! I was a thirteen year old interested in radio and communication. I listened to a lot of shortwave broadcasts from an old radio my father bought for me. Voice of America, Radio Moscow, Radio France International, etc, etc, etc, filled my log book. I guess it filled a fascination with traveling and far away places, at the time. Not to mention a mail box full of QSL cards! Well, the fascination turned into a hobby (Amateur Radio ñ WB9WNW) and by the time I was sixteen years old turned into an enlistment into the military (United States Navy ñ Cryptography).

My dreams of far away places turned into reality and by the old age of twenty five I had visited and or lived in 16 countries. A big constant in all the travel and meeting different people from different cultures was International Broadcasting. I enjoyed listening to the differing opinions and presentations of the radio personalities and the

landscape they painted over the radio.

Sometime later in my life, I met a very interesting man from the city where I am home based (Raleigh, North Carolina). He explained that he was an International TEFL Teacher. He told me that he was teaching English in Austria and had a very rewarding career.

I was immediately interested and wondered if such a career would work for me. Teaching, travel and new experiences were the key to my interest in this TEFL stuff. It is a great fit. After being TEFL Certified in 2010 I have taught extensively in the Czech Republic (Pardubice) and China (Zhujian Province). Teaching young learners through adult age students brought me great satisfaction and enjoyment.

I really wanted to tie this occupation of TEFL Teaching and Shortwave Broadcasting together. While I was in China, I thought of a SW Program dedicated to International Teachers and Educators for entertainment and informational reasons. I really did not recognize any stations doing this type of format or programming. International Teachers and Educators can be somewhat isolated in their locations and an open medium that reaches out to them, wherever they may be, seems helpful and appropriate.

ìTeachers Cornerî can be a place for active listeners to be a part of a larger community than they currently know exists. Worldwide listeners active in Education and Teaching can share and exchange information from their personal experiences and knowledge as well as appreciate the entertainment value. Hopefully the concept and production of ìTeachers Cornerî will garnish [sic] enough interest to keep the program ìOn The Airî and be of benefit to all listeners, wherever they may be. Timothy Cordray / Teachers Corner

You can hear Teachers Corner on WRMI at the following times and frequencies:

* 0600-0700 UT Monday on 7730 kHz to Mexico, the Pacific and the Southwestern US
* 5:00-6:00 pm ET Monday on 9955 kHz to South America (this is 2100-2200 UT Monday until Nov. 2017)
* 2100-2200 UT Monday on 11580 kHz to Europe, Middle East, North Africa and the Eastern US [cf shown on grid as 15770 instead --- gh]
* 2200-2300 UT Monday on 5950 kHz to the Caribbean and South America``

I still ask, teaching what? English? Cryptography? Jazz? He doesn`t spell it out, but I guess TEFL means Teaching English as Foreign Language (only). Can you do that without learning the local language? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11580, March 20 at 2250 check, WRMI music sounds ``new age``, so strongly suspect Fred Moe`s `Christian New Age Radio` is still getting bonus repeats of its second broadcast from November, every Monday during this unscheduled semihour which also may be // 5950, even 6855, but too weaks to tell. Oops, `Teachers Corner` is supposed to be on 5950 now, as just above.

9955 & 9395, March 21 at 0313 & 0319, no signals from WRMI. These are normally the last North American signals to go, but MUF must have plunged even lower. K index is only 2 and no storms. The 7 MHz trio, 7780, 7730 & 7570 are still G to VG at 0320.

5850 // weaker 7730 but still plenty, March 21 at 0621, WRMI with melodic overly nasal Qur`an recitation, shortly seguÈ to Arabic pop song. Jeff probably picked up some new CDs around the Dead Sea. At 0627 next song smax of Hebrew language, but not sure.

6855, March 21 at 0622, this WRMI is not //, but balancing the other Abrahamists with gospel song in English about Bethlehem (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Press Release --- I wanted to give you a quick update about me and KJES. I thank everyone for their concern. I have had several setbacks in my health and the construction of KJES. I am doing better but it is a long road back. The construction, or should I say the destruction of KJES has been delayed due to the contractor performing other work on the Former KJES building. Hopefully this will change soon. I hope to be back on the air from the new site by this time next year. But that my be a bit short as the FCC and other powers move at their own pace. I thank everyone for there concern and good wishes and hope to make some progress In the next few weeks (Jon Gorski, IA, March 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9930, Saturday March 18 at 1801, no signal from WTWW-2 for `Theater Organ/Ozarx`, and still none at 1820, but 9475 WTWW-1 is on with a ham show; nor on was WTWW-3, 12105. Staying on local time, all programs should have shifted an hour earlier, TOO to 1800 instead of 1900, but not rechecked then.

12160, Sat March 18 until 1730, WWCR`s `Talking Machine Show` which ought to be called `Singing Machine Show` has indeed shifted one real UT hour earlier now to 1700, and manages to penetrate into a restaurant on the G8 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9350, WWCR Nashville TN; 2142-2201+, 15-Mar; ìClassic Radio Theaterî with ìCBS Radio Workshopî episode ìAir Raidî from 10-Aug-57; 2153 religispots, ìTodayís Fatherî & ìTodayís Creation Momentî. About a

minute DA to ID at 2200:55 into English religihuxter program. S30 peaks with weak co-channel QRM, probably studio bleed

+++ [same], 2040-2055+, 16-Mar; Repeat ìAir Raidî episode to 2054 then same religispots. ToH WWCR ID, into Evangelical Outreach on how other Christians can help Catholix about their ìMaryologyî. S20 peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 185' & 60' RW + 125' bow-tie, ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! -----, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4840, March 16 at 0708, WWCR is dead air except for hum and lite whine of varying pitch and beating; S9+30 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WWCR-1 World Wide Christian Radio again in FM mode on 15795, March 19:
till 1200 15795 WCR 100 kW / 046 deg WeEu English, distorted/FM mode*
from 1200 15825 WCR 100 kW / 046 deg WeEu English, with good AM audio
* wrong FM modulation like Voice of Justice & Ictimai Radio on 9676.9!
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/wwcr-1-world-wide-christian-radio-again.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505vv, UT Sat March 18 I am checking for the Chinese hour on WRNO, which Ron Howard reported was really airing at 0200. Not tonight: S9 on the meter, but poor signal and very undermodulated, yet I eventually conclude it has stayed in English at 0206, 0220 and 0250. By 0303 has switched to YL voice and I think she is the Chinese one, still very hard to hear. 0359 very poor at ending, WRNO ID in English. Meanwhile, I have been measuring the constantly varying frequency: at 0220, 7505.5; 0250, 7504.96; 0306, 7504.91; 0330, 7505.07; 0359, 7505.09.

There has also been a weaker carrier on the lo side and not varying much, circa 7504.20. Possibly local origin altho I am getting it on two radios. Makes a het with WRNO unless USB tuning (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7505v, WRNO. The Chinese language program is broadcast very randomly; erratic daily scheduling; have not found a definite pattern. At 0333, March 19, heard Chinese, which was not heard shortly after 0300, so rather late starting; went off the air at 0403* with the Chinese show still going; off without any closing ID or the usual announcements (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, antenna: 100' long wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15555-USB, March 18 at 1805, WJHR gospel huxter barely audible at S3 vs noise level of S2, just to confirm it still exists and is active today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12040-12075, March 18 at 1812, 12050 WEWN is splattering across this range, while fundamental is distorted during Spanish translation of prayer in English. Mother doesn`t care. Little comfort that this dirty transmitter impacts the upper side more than the lower.

11520, March 19 at 0038, WEWN English is unusually strong, S9+25, audiblizing the hash which also surrounds day frequency 15610 when it inbooms: spur peaks are about 11511, 11502, at -9 kHz intervals, but not so much on the hi side.

12020-12100, March 19 at 1402, range of WEWN 12050 Spanish splatter, including QRMing Turkey, q.v. on 12035.

5810, March 21 at 0623, R. CatÛlica Mundial with mariachi style song, ``Viva Cristo Rey`` plus her father and La Virgen de Guadalupe as well; DJ follows with program ID `Fe Hecha CanciÛn`, as WEWN is lightening up its boring programming, no more ``por su dolorosa pasiÛn`` recited every few seconds??

The latter is the content of `Paz a la Luz de la Luna` which is still on schedule at 04-06 UT Mon-Fri; while FHC is repeated Tue-Sat at 06-07, originally 15-16 M-F, first repeat 02-03 Tue-Sat. Per:
http://www.ewtn.com/radio/sp_radio_sched.asp

Transmission schedule
http://www.ewtn.com/radio/freq.htm
now is dated March 3 to October 30, 2017, admittedly with only two frequencies at a time, not including spur fields. Why *March 3? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Have you checked if only the Radio Munansi transmission on 15240 kHz (online radio continues also in this case) is defunct now or rather the whole WWRB? I have not seen any further reports about its other transmissions that remained recently (a few hours on weekend evenings on 90 metres as far as I know). (Kai Ludwig, March 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3215, March 19 at 0046, S9+25 WWRB with suptorted talk, presumably politico-religious huxters. Shift to 3195 should now occur at 0100 when WWCR overtakes 3215, but not checked yet. ``African`` service on 15240 remains unheard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9265, March 20 at 2206, WINB with gospel huxter in Spanish, a rare language for them. Sked effective March 12 shows for Mondays only:
06:00P / Mon-2200...La Voz Alegre

06:30P / Mon-2230...Day of Decision (Spanish)
Strangely enough, La Voz Alegre must be in Spanish, even tho not specified. Is this the same LVA which produces all the Spanish hours on Madagascar World Voice? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Summer A-17 new frequencies of Adventist World Radio AWR and KSDA from March 26, including new relay site - Tashkent
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-adventist.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 700, March 17 at 1257 UT with WLW still in but nulled, Texas ads including one in Sugarland, mentions an FM ID in passing, and ``Voice of Texas``. Therefore it is not my closer one, KHSE in The Metroplex, which is Spanish religion, but the farther one from Houston market, KSEV Tomball, 15/1 kW U4, with such a slogan in NRC AM Log. Day pattern has less of a null toward us than KHSE. Can`t find any FM for it listed, not even mentioned on own website, but clearly a far-right extremist outlet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 740, March 17 at 1258 UT, KTRH Houston with TX ads, I-45 mentions, is making 72/min SAH with KRMG Tulsa = 1.2 Hz; even tho 50 kW, day and night patterns are supposed to have deep nulls toward OK, so I again suspect they are out of whack (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 790, KURM, AR, Rogers - 3/17 2359 ELT [0359 UT March 18] - Atop with clear sign-off announcement, including mention that they begin their broadcast day on the weekdays at 5:00 and on Saturdays and Sundays at 6:00 [CDT here?]. No SSB heard. Not a new logging, but always nice to hear a sign-off on a regional channel in this day and age (Rick Dau, South Omaha NE, Sony ICF-2010 + Grundig AN-200 antenna, NRC-AM via DXLD) So they sign off at 11 pm local (gh)

** U S A. 910, March 17 at 1301 UT, NPR News from Culver City, California, so has to be WSUI Iowa City IA --- a public radio station the Trumpsters would love to do away with (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 960, FLORIDA, WGRO, Lake City. 0405 March 18, 2017. Surely the one with the usual train wreck of Oldies vs. Classic Rock. Van Halen "Is It Love" segued to Gino Vanelli "I Just Want To Stop" then into AC/DC "Girls Got Rhythm." Co-channel WFIR and WERC. Gerry Bishop confirms WGRO is on, but weak when passing daytime closest to on US-19 in the Florida big bend panhandle area (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1020, March 17 at 1303 UT, Mexmx, ``La EstaciÛn de la Raza``

by SHVA, i.e. KMMQ Plattsmouth NE (Omaha market), not to be construed as racist? What if Anglos were to slogan that way? With nearby KOKP OK nulled as much as possible, and no sign of KCKN Roswell now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WAMT 1190. On March 19th I enjoyed a strong opening to Florida. At 0557Z I noted some speech in French with strong accent. After some research I concluded It was WAMT (Pine Castle-Sky Lake, 4700D-230N Watts) with La Voix Evangelique d'Orlando religious programing in Haitian French. So, I suspect there is someone at the station "playing" with the TX powerswitch!. It was on 1190.014. The TOH ID is done in a bizarre way. I am attaching it recorded from their web stream.

[later:] QSL received!, about the power used that night, Bill Sullivan (Genesis Communications Contract Engineer) has told me: "Mauricio: Because maintenance was being performed during the FCC-designated "Expermiental Period" WAMT was operating at 4.7 kW in to the non-directional daytime antenna. I'm sure that helped your reception."

73! (Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, ESPA—A - SPAIN, RX site: Aldea del Cano, C·ceres. LAT: 39∫17'09.70 N, LONG: 6∫19'00 W, RX: PERSEUS. ANT: WELLBROOK ALA1530S+ http://moladx.blogspot.com/ mwcircle yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 1260, March 17 at 1307 UT, ``Radio de la comunidad latina de Iowa``, many ads mentioning Des Moines, 515 area codes, ``La Reina, y nada m·s``, m˙sica. 5 kW KDLF Boone IA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1510, FLORIDA (TIS), City of Lakeland, WPZW713 at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport. Gerry Bishop and I noted this while on I-4 nearing Lakeland, and along all of the FL-570 Polk Expressway on March 18. Huge signal, strongest noted since the very early days of this one. FCC dB show the calls as WPEP788, which were the original, but last it was WPZW713, so unsure which is accurate. Format is currently a long loop consisting almost entirely of advertisements for stores within the airport, all clearly call to action scripts. Not so sure this is permitted for TIS licensed operations, a definite no-no for LPFM. I believe the only in-band licensed to 1510 kHz.
(Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL,
Florida Low Power Radio Stations:
https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: KMRI-1550, they announce // KXOL-1660 (which has been off the air since last summer, and unlicensed for some time before that) and KEGH 107.1 Woodruff. (They are no longer //KOGN-1490). 73 (Tim Hall, CA, March 21, ABDX via DXLD) Utah

** U S A. 1600, GEORGIA, WAOS, Austell. 0339 March 18, 2017. Mexi-tunes, local level, so obviously once again on 20 kW day power instead of 67 watts night authorization (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1610, FLORIDA, (MIS), Manatee Information Radio, Crystal River. Gerry Bishop confirms this one is silent when passing though Crystal River on US-19 March 19. And indeed, it's deleted from the FCC dB, at least on 1610 kHz. Bye-bye?

1610, FLORIDA, (TIS), WQGS506, Payne's Prairie Preserve State Park, Micanopy. Gerry Bishop confirms this one was silent on March 17, passing along I-75, despite new 1610 signage. A check of the FCC dB indicates this one is set to expire on April 4, 2017. Bye-bye?

1650, see INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non]. (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, Florida Low Power Radio Stations: https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Local TIS update --- I had to wait for some meds refills at the pharmacy so I listened to the car radio in Aliso Viejo.

1620, WPMW407, San Juan Capistrano CA, CALTRANS Advisory Radio, Ortega Highway information, route 74, short loop by woman with calls in each loop.

1640, WPKA209, Irvine CA, City of Irvine, AM 16-40, The City of Irvine's Traffic and Emergency Advisory Radio System, long loop by man, call ID at :02 after the ToH. Can listen the this on-line.

1680, WQUX625, Irvine CA, Toll Roads Radio AM 16-80, toll payment information for the 73 Toll Road by man, call ID in each loop.

1690, WQTB222, Irvine CA, UCI (University of California Irvine) AM 16-90, UCI Information, Traffic and Emergency Advisory Radio, long loop with various campus information recorded by several men and women, call ID in each loop.

1690 has another Toll Roads Radio station in Orange. I can usually hear them underneath the UCI station on the Hammarlund. That's what's on the air locally (Martin Foltz, Mission Viejo CA, March 18, ABDX via DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. 15755, March 17 at 1402, S Asian music, presumed TWR Tashkent at 131 degrees as in HFCC --- as I previously logged Feb 19, but STILL no listing in EiBi or Aoki; wonder if they read my reports?

As I researched previously, seems to be replacement for 7505 scheduled in Hindi at this time. How about own website of TWR India? Would you believe that they are still linking to 3.4 years out-of-date pdf sked? http://radio882.com/schedule/TWR-I-Broadcast-Schedule-Oct2013.pdf I was about to complain that it shows no frequencies, just meter bands! Another sked version says I am not authorized to see it on google drive with my only gmail ID! http://twr.in/home/mass-media/radio/broadcast-schedule ``You need permission to access this published document`` Was this in the WRTH Feb pdf updater? NO! 7505 not audible now, but inconclusive; or is it? Weak S6-S7 talk on 7600, listed as BBC Tashkent in Hindi (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. At 2150 UT: 7259.938, Radio Vanuatu, Port Vila on March 19 in UT, but March 20 downunder, noted S=6-7 signal in remote SDR on Perseus Net in Brisbane Queensland, Australia (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7259.95, R. Vanuatu, Mar 22 0757-0811, 35343, Bislama, Talk, ID at 0759 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. A-17 new frequencies of Vatican Radio eff. from March 26: http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.bg/2017/03/summer-17-new-frequencies-of-vatican.html (DX RE MIX NEWS #999 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, March 20, 2017 via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, March 21 at 0242, ZNBC1 S7-S9 with fish eagle IS, always a treat. I guess Zambians set their alarm clox to hear it at 4:42 am every morning. 0249 switch to choral NA. LSB tuning is better since there is more ACI from 5920 WHRI than from 5910 RRI/HJDH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA, 11735, Zanzibar B.C., Mar 19 1501-1512, 35333, Swahili, Telephone-talk-back and music, Theme music at 1501 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735, TANZANIA-ZANZIBAR, ZBC Radio at 2010 in Swahili, a woman with talk and East African pop music ñ Strong signal but pulsing audio indicating a tube in the transmitter may be on its last legs, Mar 19. Too bad considering the African musical fest ìSauti za Basaraî is going on (Mark Coady, Selwyn, Ontario, Kenwood TS440S 40 and 80 meter off centre-fed dipoles, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

Hi all, Something has gone terribly wrong with the usually very clean signal from ZBC on 11735 kHz. Just noted today at 1930 UT, but come to think of it, I might have noticed the same thing is passing yesterday.

Really too bad. Almost sounds like they are being jammed but I would doubt that. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, March 17, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook loop, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

Yes you are right. Two program strings on TZA even 11735.0, and another string visible nearby on 11734.966 kHz. Heard a male announcer, but also a steady music played DITTERING every half second.

How is the political relations between Tanzania state and its neighbours like Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Burundi, in Central East Africa where Swahili is a common spoken language?

S=7-8 dittering heard in Hungary and southern Italy remote units, as well as powerhouse at 2045 UT in Doha Qatar S=9+5dB level, 16 kHz wideband signal, which is mostly used by CHN jamming, or from Ethiopia against Eritrea in 7.1 MHz range. Or is that a China mainland jammer - OUT OF TECHNICAL ORDER? Comments please. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, HCDX via DXLD)

ZANZIBAR - listen to recording
MP3 11735kHz_Tanzania_Zanzibar_dittering_170317_2040 UT.mp3
    249KB Save

Mixture of dittering music, and white noise 16 kHz wide signal, both stopped at same time TX OFF at 2100:42 UT -- so, I guess it`s another MALE FUNCTION [sic] of the transmitter unit by the Chinese made BBEF Beijing transmitter audio modulation.

I remember - some years ago* - after repair the TZA Zanzibar transmitter by Chinese technicians, TZA technician sent out pure WHITE NOISE signal like the Ethiopians against Eritrea done
WORLD OF RADIO 1870,

* out of order in Febr 17 - April 23 in 2012 year. [HISTORY]
Another failure TZA broadcasts occured after:

Dec. 10, 2009, will no doubt go down in Zanzibar's history as 'Black Thursday'. On that day the electricity supply, carried from the mainland by submarine cable, broke down. Since then the retailers of generators and fuel have become quite rich, but the blackout has left most Zanzibarians angry. R Zanzibar has generators for the 585 kHz MW transmitter and 97.4 MHz FM. The SW transmitter at Dole, 10 km North-East of Zanzibar City (commonly known as 'Stone Town'), is off at the moment, but will return to the air once the blackout is over.

[Zanzibar] Dar es Salaam [sic] noted at 1720 UT on Nov 20, terrible modulation feeder quality, line between Dar es Salaam and Island TX station seemed to be damaged ... only scratching heard (wb, wwdxc BC-

DX TopNews Nov 20, 2012 year)

Also reported widely in DX press: digital DRM like signal from TZA Zanzibar in February 2013 year. Was back on May 3, 2013 with AM mode transmissions. listen to the enclosed recording audio signal of tonight, taken in Doha Qatar remote SDR unit. 73 wolfie (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

Back to the present, does 6015 suffer the same malady circa 0300? Presumably the same transmitter. Haven`t heard it well enough lately to evaluate (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific JBA MW carrier search March 17: finally I awaken two minutes before sunrise here so check it out at 1237-1239: 774, 693 and 594 from NW, presumably Japan; and 702 from WSW, presumably Australia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4070.43, March 19 at 0047, CW beacon GT, very poor. I have been checking for this almost every night during bandscans, and first time heard since Feb 24, the date for which was omitted, so here is that report again:

4070.3, Feb 24 at 0228, CW beacon GT is JBA, and I do mean JBA! Had to listen over a minute to be sure I was copying GT rather than the other one recently heard, ZN. Still no idea whence, so time to guess: how about Grand Teton? Or could refer to golfing while tangoing, or vice versa.

4070.4 approx., March 22 at 0345, beacon GT, vs S9 elevated local noise level which is really bothering the tropical bands here, whence? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4739.0, March 17 at 0213, open carrier showing up here again, S9 vs CODAR swishes peaking S9+10. Maybe idling RTTY transmitter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5010, March 19 at 0055, very poor carrier here as I am tuning up the band, so the Cuban leapfrog? NO, since 5025 Rebelde is off, just the JBAC from presumed Per˙. Therefore 5010 is most likely India along the grayline; a few other 60m signal traces from Asian frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5100, March 19 at 0057, the S9+35 open carrier is here again, except it is cutting off and on: 3 seconds on, 1 second off. What behavior is this? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5125.0, March 17 at 0212, big AM open carrier again here, S9+20; and still at 0547 recheck. Slight propagational fading so

not something local (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6105.39, March 19 at 1337, big het from some carrier here against one on 6105.0, the lower sounding like serious music hour on Sundays from CNR1; still late in the hour altho weakening, both gone by 1403 recheck. At this hour certainly not Radio Panamericana, Bolivia, which is sometimes active and last measured on 6105.34, nor Brasil; nor Mexico, which Aoki also insists on preserving 24h as if XEQM still exists.

Rather, per Aoki, very likely is R. Taiwan International shifted off-frequency as they are capable of doing, scheduled 10-14 UT, 100 kW at 267 degrees from Kouhu site, in Mandarin Chinese during this hour, and of course *jammed, which is the real reason CNR1 is on 6105.0 while RTI is too, almost (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGESST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7200-LSB, March 20 at 2211, chicken cackling and rooster crowing, mixed with strumming music, a jhammer no doubt against some net, and then they all go silent for a bit. Perhaps such nonsense was also being referred to in this commentary Mike Terry forwarded, WTFK?

"SHOCKED AT WHAT I HEAR ON HF"
Bryan Beam (W4HLD) on February 16, 2017
http://www.eham.net/articles/38315

HF? Is he implying everything`s much nicer on VHF? Why? Also, I wonder if CW ops bother to swear as much?

7210-LSB also checked at 2213 March 20, but some QSO in English rather than N1NR in Spanish with Cuban jhamming (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9270-USB, March 22 at 0400, Spanish 2-way (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11435-USB, March 16 at 1326, presumed Indonesian pirates singing and talking over each other; think I hear some English words, ``got you``, ``meet you``.

11435-USB & 11415-USB, March 20 at 1337 pileups on both by presumed Indonesian QSO pirates. On 11435, one of them is shouting ``radio`` ---- something over and over, maybe an ``ID``, but can`t understand the following word (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1870:

Thanks to Gerald T Pollard, NC for a generous quarterly check for the vernal equinox, to P O Box 1684, Enid OK, 73702

One may also contribute, not necessarily in US funds, via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com

Hello my old DX friend --- Hi Glenn, My name is Rob Leingang. I just wanted to thank you for being an important part of my life. I started listening to you back in the 70's when I became interested as a 15 year old boy trying to fix a Zenith Transceanic I located at a garage sale for 5 dollars. I hope you can drop me an email. I'm trying to get back into shortwave radio, I have some decent gear but am struggling to get a dedicated spot to set it up. And am a bit out of the loop. I'm typing to you as I listen to your podcast of what seems to be March 16th. It seems that many broadcasters are abandoning SW; that is very sad. Maybe I can send you some scans of my QSL's from my hey day and through you can once again get up and running again. Kindest Regards, (Rob Leingang http://WWW.allprojectorbulbs.com
Seattle, Washington, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PUBLICATIONS
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Interesting publications in Russian

CALCULATOR: CALCULATION OF MIRROR CHANNELS OF RADIOS

http://radiodx.ru/text-015
For calculation, you need to specify the IF receiver (455, 465 or 500 kHz). In addition to the main mirror [image] channel, the program calculates the mirror channels on the 2nd and 3rd harmonics of the local oscillator.

- Synthetic radio
http://radiodx.ru/text-155
- Text Broadcasting
http://radiodx.ru/text-151

(Alexander Kravets, Nevinnomyssk, Stavropol Territory, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via Rus-DX 19 March via DXLD)

THE EMPIRE OF NOISE

Documentary about radio emulation in the USSR and not only --- Rimantas Pleikis

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXV4nTfGHuI
(Dmitry Elagin, Saratov, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via Rus-DX 19 March via DXLD) See also USSR above

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NEXT GLOBAL HF WEEKEND: MARCH 30-APRIL 2, 2017

Andrew Yoder reports:

Be sure to mark the next Global HF Pirate Weekend on your calendar. The last one, which occurred during the first weekend in November was a sort of trial run. Cupid Radio and Mike Radio from The Netherlands were both widely reported in North America, and the former even made it to Japan. Sluwe Vos Radio wasn't reported as much in North America, but this Dutch station was reported in Brazil during the last GHF weekend.

March 30-April 2, 2017 --- General frequency ranges:
15010-15100 kHz
21455-21550 kHz

Basic schedule:
European morning, 0800-1200 UTC from Europe to Asia/Japan/Oceania.
European afternoon, 1200-1600 UTC from Europe to North America and vice versa.
European night, 2200-2400 UTC from North America to Asia/Oceania.

Of course, these are general frequency ranges where pirates have broadcast during prior Global HF Pirate weekends. Some stations will surely operate on frequencies and times outside of these ranges. These will be updated on HF Underground https://www.hfunderground.com/ and on the Hobby Broadcasting http://hobbybroadcasting.blogspot.com/ blog as it happens."

(Hobby Broadcasting blog via ukdxer on https://shortwavedx.blogspot.co.uk March 12)

Posted by: (Mike Barraclough, March 22, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See UK
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ERITREA; INDIA; NEW ZEALAND; ZANZIBAR
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also CUBA; MEXICO
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NAB SLAMS FCC REPACK PLAN, SEEKS CHANGES. SAYS AUCTION STRUCTURE WAS FAULTY AND FLAWED

Wow, guess there may be another channel Repack?
http://www.broadcastingcable.com/news/washington/nab-slams-fcc-repack-plan-seeks-changes/164204
http://www.nab.org/documents/newsroom/recon_petition_filing.pdf
(Baton Rouge, SE LA DXer, March 20, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

I don't see another repack in there. The NAB does believe the schedule of the current repack is unrealistic. That's not really news (IMHO the NAB is right). The previous FCC wouldn't have listened -- they'd have gone ahead with the current schedule. The new chair hasn't made much noise about it but I haven't heard anything that would cause me to

suspect a change in policy (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66 http://www.w9wi.com ibid.)

Even Chairman Pai cannot change the timeline Congress gave the FCC to work with. And do you really think he's going to disadvantage the wireless guys who just paid ~$20 billion for the spectrum by lengthening the schedule up-front? Would that not be changing the value of the spectrum underneath them? (- Trip Ericson, Alexandria VA, March 22, ibid.)

Slightly off topic, but after the current repack gets finished will OTA TV be between channels 2 and 36 or will it be in a smaller or larger range(I know the current range is 2-51 with the exception of 37 which is used for radio astronomy)? Also, do you think the FCC will have(or already has) any competing applications to deal with? (Rrrrzzzz419 is offline Member, Currently DXing In NW AL And NE MS, ibid.)

2 through 36 it will be.

There will be more VHF-high stations than before, but not that many, since these channels have been well occupied already, even in rural areas, where some broadcasters even favored them, to go through trees, over small hills, to the outdoor antennas rural viewers have actually been using. It also saves money on transmitter power, important, since the market is smaller.

There will be more VHF-low stations than before, though, again, not that many. Switching to low-V may be appealing to an independent or religious station, the kind that viewers will not install an antenna to watch, and selling down to low-V keeps the station on cable and satellite, while the owners of the station may pocket some cash.

What will be more difficult is UHF DTV DX by tropo - most DXers won't have any "holes" to point their antennas at for long DX.

[taglines] Comparing Sporadic-E skip to skip on the AM and shortwave bands is like comparing apples and oranges. Comparing tropo to skip is like comparing apples and bacon cheeseburgers (Robert Grant, March 23, ibid.)

Hi Rrrrzzzz419, after the repack all DTV channels will only be able to broadcast on channels 2 thru 36. channels 38 thru 51 will be for wireless companies to use for new wireless technologies. Don't think channel 37 will be used because of it being used for Radio Astronomy.

Robert Grant, you said most DXers won't have any "holes" to point their antennas at for long DX, did you mean there won`t be any open

channels to DX on?

With the transmitter power coming up on ATSC 3.0 and its more resistance to multipath problems we may be able to watch long distance TV stations with more reliability now. something we have not been able to do since the Analog TV days (SE LA DXer, ibid.)

ATSC 3.0 may be better for DXing, but what good is it if there's fewer (if any) DXable channels left after the repacking? I live in the Great Lakes region, and I'm surrounded by several other markets that are around 100 miles away. So between my locals and regional tropo, there's not going to be much left for long-haul tropo. It's all going to be plugged up. It's already crowded, and it's only going to get worse. From what has been revealed so far, it doesn't appear that many stations are going off the air. So the stations are all going to be crammed in like sardines (Andrew Crazy Monkey, My TV and FM DX Photos from Akron, Ohio...
https://www.flickr.com/photos/133179000@N04/albums
ibid.)

I agree with you, Crazy Monkey. I guess the ones that will benefit the most for a while until their country does the switch to ATSC 3.0 are our DXing friends across the border in Mexico. They will be far enough away from these ATSC 3.0 stations to be able to DX them except for around Reynosa MX that location will be to close. I think Monterrey Mexico & Mexico out across the southern Gulf where Gargadon is located all the way including the Yucatan will be prime DX locations when ATSC 3.0 switches on. ATSC 3.0 USB & HDMI Dongles should be available for DXers in Mexico to buy at Amazon or Ebay I would think (SE LA DXer, ibid.)

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GROUND CONDUCTIVITY HERE IN THE "GREAT CENTER"

Re the IRCA thread about ground conductivity: fascinating to actually look at the map, which I do not recall seeing before, and finding that itís so high in OK. I remember many years ago discussing the seemingly low ground conductivity here in southern Missouri, and you wondered if that was true since it seemed to be much higher where you are in central Oklahoma. Looking at the map proves the point ó weíre at 8, you look to be in one of those pockets of 30. We definitely have a predominance of ìred clayî dirt here, presumably iron-rich. Of course, we also have a rich limestone/karst topography in Missouri (helluva lot of sinkholes!) ó I have no idea how that affects ground conductivity. 73, (Randy Stewart, Arts Producer, KSMU, 901 S. National, Springfield MO 65897, March 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SUNSPOT COUNTS DROP TO 7-YEAR LOW
Spaceweather.com 20 March 2017

The sun has now been blank (no sunspots) for 14 consecutive days. To find a similar stretch of blank suns in the historical record, you have to go back to April of 2010 -- a time when the sun was emerging from a deep Solar Minimum. The current stretch of spotlessness heralds a new Solar Minimum expected to arrive in 2019-2020. Between now and then we can expect even longer interregnums broken from time to time by mostly small sunspots incapable of strong flares. Is space weather coming to an end? On the contrary, now is when things get interesting: Solar Minimum brings extra cosmic rays, pink auroras, and more (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

A study on sunspot number re-calibration:
http://bit.ly/2ngm1yi

Also, here is a piece on solar cycles suggesting that the next cycle may be larger than the current solar cycle:
http://www.leif.org/research/Prediction-of-Solar-Cycles.pdf

(QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 11 ARLP011, From Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, WA, Mar 17, 2017, To all radio amateurs via DXLD)

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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 13 - 19 March 2017

Solar activity was at very low levels with no observable spots on the solar disk. No Earth-directed CMEs were observed during the period.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal to moderate levels with high levels observed on 13-15 March. The largest flux value of the period was 8,800 pfu observed at 14/1655 UTC.

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to unsettled levels.

Solar wind speed was at nominal levels between 300 km/s and 400 km/s through most of the period with total field near 5 nT. On 15-16 March, a slight increase in solar wind speed and total field was observed just after a solar sector boundary crossing at 15/0008 UTC. This was likely due to a weak connection to a positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS). Total field increased to 9 nT while solar wind speed increased to near 433 km/s. The geomagnetic field responded with isolated unsettled periods on 15 and 16 March.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 20 MARCH - 15 APRIL 2017

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels for the forecast period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels with high levels likely on 24 March and again from 29 March - 11 April due to recurrent CH HSS activity.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at unsettled to active levels on 21-24 March and again from 28 March - 06 April. G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels are likely on 23, 28-31 March and 02 April while G2 (Moderate) geomagnetic storm levels are likely on 28-29 March due to recurrent CH HSS effects.

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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
Issued 2017-03-20
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2017 Mar 20	70	5	2
2017 Mar 21	70	8	3
2017 Mar 22	71	12	4
2017 Mar 23	72	20	5
2017 Mar 24	72	8	3
2017 Mar 25	72	5	2
2017 Mar 26	72	8	3
2017 Mar 27	72	8	3

2017 Mar 28	72	35	6
2017 Mar 29	72	30	6
2017 Mar 30	72	20	5
2017 Mar 31	72	18	5
2017 Apr 01	72	15	4
2017 Apr 02	72	20	5
2017 Apr 03	72	15	4
2017 Apr 04	72	12	4
2017 Apr 05	71	12	4
2017 Apr 06	70	10	3
2017 Apr 07	70	5	2
2017 Apr 08	70	5	2
2017 Apr 09	70	5	2
2017 Apr 10	70	5	2
2017 Apr 11	70	5	2
2017 Apr 12	70	5	2
2017 Apr 13	70	5	2
2017 Apr 14	70	5	2
2017 Apr 15	70	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DXLD)

SOLAR WIND ARRIVES EARLY
Southgate March 21, 2017

Arriving a day earlier than expected, a stream of fast-moving solar wind is buffeting Earth's magnetic field today. The broad stream is expected to influence our planet for the next three days with a 60% chance of polar geomagnetic storms between now and March 23rd. Arctic sky watchers should be alert for auroras in the waxing Spring twilight. Visit Spaceweather.com for more information and updates.
Posted by: (Mike Terry, March 22, dxldyg via DXLD)

GLENN`S PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF MAR 23, 2017

From IPS in Australia, the global HF propagation forecast thru March 25: normal at low latitudes, normal to fair at middle and hi latitudes.

From Spaceweather South Africa thru March 25: magnetic conditions quiet to unsettled; shortwave fadeouts unlikely; MUF unstable.

from MET office UK thru march 26: Solar activity very low. Geomagnetic activity generally Unsettled to Active through March 25, with a 50% chance of minor geomagnetic storms on March 24.

From F K Janda in Prague, Geomagnetic field will be:
quiet to active on March 25, 28, 31, April (8, 12)
quiet on March 26, April 6 - 7, 9 - 10

quiet to unsettled March 27, April 1 - 2, 4
active to disturbed on March 29 - 30, (April 3)
mostly quiet on April 5, 11

From SWPC Pin BOulder; G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels likely on March 28-31 and April 2, while G2 (Moderate) geomagnetic storm levels are likely on March 28-29. A and K indices peaking at 30 and 6. Lowest A`s and K`s of 5 and 2 on March 25, and not again until April 7 to 15. Solar flux 72 thru April 4 then down to 70 by April 6

William Hepburn`s VHF UHF DX maps show extreme tropospheric ducting:
Along the cost of Namibia March 24 to 28
Along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf coast March 26
Around Cabo Verde March 27 and 28
Off the west coast of Mexico on March 28
And all week between Oman and India, and India to Myanmar
(via DXLD)

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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Re 17-11: BREAKING: PUBLIC MEDIA DEFUNDED

Hope it comes to pass. Regards, (George, NJ3H Stein, Redmond, Oregon USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just for the record: funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (a "whopping" $445 million) accounts for less than 1/7,300th of the overall federal budget, according to a calculation today by the Washington Post. Also, very little CPB money goes to PBS or NPR directly. It goes to local stations that use most or all of it to pay for the network programs they air. Loss of CPB funding would be felt by public radio and TV stations in the big cities but they would probably survive, though in diminished form. The real impact would be on stations serving large rural, often poor, areas of the country. Most would be forced off the air in the very communities where most commercial broadcasters do an especially lousy job of keeping their listeners informed.

Because of the 2010 budget "sequestration" law it is very doubtful that the budget presented by the administration will become law in anything like its current form. Among other things, sequestration prevents Congress or the administration from shifting money from domestic programs to defense, or vice versa --- see
https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/03/donald-trump-meet-sequestration/519798/
Also, many of the programs targeted by the administration for "defunding" - including CPB - have enjoyed wide and bipartisan support

on Capitol Hill.

As someone who has enjoyed a 30+ year career in public radio journalism, I am glad that the federal government and Congress had the foresight in the late 1960's to approve the law that created CPB, and not only because that's where my own bread is buttered. Public radio, especially, has a robust local presence across the United States, serving people with local news and cultural programs in addition to the national programs they carry - programs that commercial broadcasters have no interest in providing. Some say they have philosophical objections to the federal government being in the broadcasting "business," although I don't hear many of them criticizing the VOA or RFE/RL/RFA, et al. I think they're wrong: CPB and the locally-owned public broadcasting stations it supports are examples of the government stepping in to make sure a vital service is there despite the abject failure of the "market" to provide it. 73, (Andy Robins, Kalamazoo, Michigan USA, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1870, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The newspaper that shows how such a calculation can also introduce a vigorous support for the plans:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/abolish-the-national-endowment-for-the-arts/2017/03/15/0b6ca778-08db-11e7-a15f-a58d4a988474_story.html

In this case a British polemic blasted the statement made by the chair of the NEA as "defeatist":
http://slippedisc.com/2017/03/a-defeatist-statement-from-the-nea/

Be that as it may: The observation how small a fraction of the state budgets the fundings for arts etc. are has already been quoted on numerous occasions here in Europe. The point being made was that even completely eliminating these fundings could not save anything else. It is not a matter of priorities. It is plain symbolism, used by an elite to tell the broad masses that an alleged elite will no longer be favoured (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

PUBLIC BROADCASTERS FEAR `COLLAPSE' IF U.S. DROPS SUPPORT
https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/03/16/business/media/corporation-for-public-broadcasting-cuts.html

Ira Glass of "This American Life" says the proposed federal cuts could make ambitious new national programming much harder to create.
Michael Nagle for The New York Times [caption]

By MICHAEL M. GRYNBAUM and BEN SISARIO March 16, 2017

Public radio and television broadcasters are girding for battle after the Trump administration proposed a drastic cutback that they have

long dreaded: the defunding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The potential elimination of about $445 million in annual funding, which helps local TV and radio stations subscribe to NPR and Public Broadcasting Service programming, could be devastating for affiliates in smaller markets that already operate on a shoestring budget.

Patricia Harrison, the corporation's president, warned in a statement on Thursday that the Trump budget proposal, if enacted, could cause "the collapse of the public media system itself."

But the power players in public broadcasting -- big-city staples like WNYC in New York City -- would be well-equipped to weather any cuts. Major stations typically receive only a sliver of their annual budget from the federal government, thanks to listener contributions and corporate underwriters. Podcasts and other digital offshoots have also become significant sources of revenue.

Rural affiliates, however, rely more heavily on congressional largess, which can make up as much as 35 percent of their budgets. Mark Vogelzang, president of Maine Public, called the Trump proposal "the most serious threat to our federal funding" since he started in public broadcasting 37 years ago.

"We're always living on the edge in this ecosystem of public broadcasting," Mr. Vogelzang said in an interview.

Patricia Harrison, chief executive of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, said Thursday that the Trump budget proposal, if enacted, could cause "the collapse of the public media system itself." Daniel Rosenbaum for The New York Times [caption]

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting supports about 1,500 stations that carry a range of educational, journalistic and arts-related programming. The corporation dates to the administration of President Lyndon Johnson. Its funding, while a minuscule part of the federal budget, has been under regular peril since the 1970s from conservative lawmakers, who often decry what they view as the liberal bent of public media.

Jay H. Pearce, the chief executive of WVIK-FM in Rock Island, Ill., which receives about 15 percent of its budget from the federal government, said he was also concerned about problems with raising money. He pointed to broader cuts under consideration for federal arts and humanities financing, noting that many groups would have to compete against one another for private contributions to make up the difference.

"This year, everybody might rally, we might find the money," Mr. Pearce said. "But what will happen next year, and the year after?"

Executives in public broadcasting were on alert since early this year, when rumors of major cuts began circulating, and on Thursday they did not hesitate to fire back. Their top talking point: "$1.35 per citizen," an approximation of the annual cost to each American for providing a spectrum of public-interest shows.

"It's not like cutting this would have any appreciable effect on any taxpayer across the country, but losing PBS would," Neal Shapiro, president of WNET in New York, said in an interview. "In a lot of markets, the only place for real in-depth local coverage is the PBS station, the only place for arts and culture, the only place for safe harbor for kids."

Ira Glass, host of "This American Life," which does not receive any federal money, said, "Big stations in big cities will certainly be fine, especially in blue cities, where listeners will surely step up to replace any money that goes away."

But the proposed cuts, Mr. Glass added in an email, could make it far more difficult for producers to begin ambitious new national programming. "If you're starting a new news program, or anything with a public service mission," he wrote, "C.P.B. is pretty much still the only game in town."

Mr. Shapiro, of WNET, said city affiliates would eventually be hurt as much as rural stations. "If the beach washes out, the little houses go first," he said, "but then the big houses go after that." (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

[at this point a side thread erupted about funding for VOA et al., now moved under USA above]

Maybe we are in the minority --- but, I am hoping the defunding happens as well (B-T-M, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

One can only wonder why. Itís a tiny fraction of the federal budget and it brings something to those in rural areas who value it and who would not otherwise have it without the subsidy because there isnít an overall population large enough to support it on its own. Your attitude, frankly, seems unneighborly; but thereís a lot of that going around these days (John Figliozzi, Sarasota, FL, ibid.)

It's all painfully simple. For decades, public broadcasting has been viewed (correctly or not) as a haven for liberal viewpoints and

personalities. The far-right-wing extremists are now in control of practically everything, and they categorically cannot tolerate the existence or propagation of opposing views. Therefore, those views must be eliminated from the panorama, thus avoiding contamination of the "accepted" line of thinking -- similar to what we see elsewhere in North Korea, Cuba, and locations of that ilk.

Young children, without Sesame Street and other similar PBS programming, are certainly better off doing without, rather than risk being indoctrinated by any attitudes which may contradict extreme conservatism. (Literacy and other such mundane matters are secondary, when precious ideology is the main factor!) Of course one needn't worry -- there are plenty "reality shows", infomercials, and installments of "Dancing With The Stars" to keep the populace occupied and mollified. And the Reich shall thrive, without the bothersome mental pollution of anything but extreme right-of-center "thought", if you can call it that (Greg Hardison, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Far right extremists are not in control of almost everything. This is a stupid statement. I guess left wing extremists are OK when they are in charge? As a taxpayer, I want straight news without the slanting either way if my tax dollars are being used.

As far as Sesame Street and other such programs plus science/nature shows are fine as long as they don't promote the gay, muslim, etc. agenda at the expense of straight people, Christians, etc. Kids do not need to hear this politically correct crap by making it the norm.

So if it PBS/NPR wants to continue to be funded by tax dollars then they had better clean up their act. By the way I am still flabbergasted by the snowflake comment about the extremists in a previous email. Regards, (George, NJ3H, Stein, Redmond, Oregon, ibid.)

See what I mean? The fascists become unglued when anything but the "right-thinking", Christian (naturally) agenda is supported with "stupid" statements. How can anyone not see the bubbling intelligence in an agenda that promotes Putin, tax cuts for the top 1% and oodles of additional dollars to military contractors -- at the expense of poor, disabled and elderly Americans who will lose everything from affordable medical care to literally food (read: "Meals On Wheels"). After all, what would Jesus do?? (Greg HARDISON, CA, ibid.)

Check out Putin, Hillary, and Podesta and uranium sales and where the money went. Now that is a Russia connection that demands to be investigated. Now back to listening to the static being received here in central Oregon. Regards, (George, NJ3H, Stein, ibid.)

For the record, I must say I am no fan of Hillary or her incompetent Demo. Party that allowed us to come this far off the mark for the past thirty-plus years. Now back to the SDRs! (Greg HARDISON, ibid.)

Politix as related to broadcasting are certainly not off-topic to this group, and of course it was I who started this thread. Let us not allow it to degenerate into just flaming. I`m sure you know where I stand about this. Glenn

Greg, QSL on back to the SDRs. Good weekend to you. Regards, (George, NJ3H, ibid.)

And back at ya', George! -- G H (Greg Hardison, ibid.)

Interesting factoid about the CPB budget: $490 million is about .9% of $54 billion. (Now where did I get that number from?) If indeed the objection is mostly budgetary it seems like you'd want to cut the military bands (which account for MORE than the CPBs share of the budget!) as well ---

But to bring this back around to radio, I would be willing to wager that the few remaining MW Public stations will be significantly hurt by this, and the (mostly) rural folk who rely on that band to provide them NPR will see a hit. Have any of the stations themselves commented or suggested their fate? Perhaps it is premature because after all this is only a PROPOSED budget, but are there list members in Iowa or other NPR MW areas who can enlighten the rest of us?

I can comment about WKAR-AM in East Lansing. It has been VERY silent about this, but they HAVE begun using an FM Translator **W255BC-FM* *using 190 watts from East Lansing and which I can verify from monitoring IS on the air 24 hours (and // to AM 870 when that is on the air daytimes). Interestingly, according to Radio Locator.com the Construction Permit was Granted on March 15 2017, and on my way home from work today (the 17th) they announced the translator call at the ToH ID at 2200 UT. That didn't take long!

There is reportedly another translator on 98.9 ALSO using the W255BC-FM call but from Plainwell, that has been authorized since 2007. I have never heard them announce that, but that one is rated at 10 watts and Plainwell is too far away from my normal 'stomping area' for me to check. Next time I'm out that way....

MSU Public Broadcasting has had a 'bad attitude' about AM for some time now. At a member get-together (where I got Big Bird's autograph :)!) I asked about why they so infrequently mentioned AM programming in on-air promotions, and they actually said to me "nobody listens to AM"(!) The program director did a quick himmm and hawww when I said

"*I* listen to AM; do I look like nobody to you? Maybe I should stop my annual contribution?" He tried to play nice after that, but you know they still think this! //Ken

-- One can never be too rich, too thin or have too many radios.
D <-- and I'm still not with stupid! --> R [tagline]
(Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston, ibid.)

Unfortunately, the Idiot Trump Chorus likes to sing its off key tunes here too. (Sigh...) Please spare us. Not everything needs to be turned into a celebration of boorishness and ignorant self-righteousness. As the saying goes: "Opinions are like a--holes. Everyone's got one and everyone thinks theirs doesn't stink." As you were, gentlemen (John Figliozzi, FL, ibid.) ###